

DAP MP: No need for Sedition Act against Isma
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DAP's Segambut MP Lim Lip Eng has voiced against using the Sedition Act 1948 against right-wing group Ikatan Muslimin Malaysia (Isma) for calling the country's Chinese as "intruders".

"It is not right for Isma to be investigated under the Sedition Act 1948, which is a draconian law legislated by the colonial masters to curb freedom of speech and expression as well as to oppress political opponents.

"DAP as a principled party condemns any attempts to investigate Isma under the Sedition Act," he said in a statement yesterday.

Lim pointed out the Sedition Act had been used as BN's weapon against political opponents including former Kampar MP Fan Yew Teng, former Bukit Gelugor MP the late Karpal Singh, DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng and most recently Seputeh MP Teresa Kok.

Fan and Guan Eng had both gone to prison after being convicted for sedition while Karpal was fined RM4,000 for sedition.

Karpal passed away in a tragic road accident before the prosecution could carry out its appeal for a tougher sentence on the late DAP chairperson that includes jail.

Kok meanwhile was on May 6 charged with sedition for a Chinese New Year satire video mocking the government's handling of critical issues.

"The provisions under the Penal Code are more than enough to take action against any parties that make statements that are racist or threatens unity," insists Lim.

He added that Isma's racial remarks are aimed that distracting the public from important issues such as the disappearance without a trace of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370, the series of kidnappings in Sabah and the Goods and Services Tax (GST) to be implemented next year.

Yesterday DAP Teratai assemblyperson Tiew Way Keng and a group of its Selangor Youth leaders lodged a police report against the racist statements of Isma and other groups.

They also demanded that the inspector-general of police reveal the status of investigations within 14 days.

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