

**PM doesn't grasp judiciary system, says Nie Ching**  
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The prime minister and his cabinet have displayed a lack of understanding of the country's judiciary system in saying that recent interfaith custody standoffs can be resolved at the Federal Court, said DAP.

Its Kulai MP Teo Nie Ching today reminded Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak and Women, Family and Community Development Minister Rohani Abdul Kari that the High Court had already made decisions in the two interfaith custody battles that has dominated national discourse recently.

Najib (left) and Rohani can't expect the Federal Court to decide when no one has appealed to it, said Teo.

The High Courts in Ipoh and Seremban respectively had awarded custody of children who were unilaterally converted, to their Hindu mothers, M Indira Gandhi and S Deepa respectively.

Their converted husbands, Ridzuan Abdullah and Izwan Abdullah, have not filed appeals with the apex court, but the police have yet to act on the court orders to ensure the children are returned to their mothers.

"We already have decisions by the courts. A court decision, is final and binding until and unless it is set aside by another court of higher ranking. It is the duty of our police, as court officers, to execute the orders unless an order of stay of execution is obtained and granted," Teo said.

"In the current cases, the decisions of Ipoh High Court and the Court of Appeal are not being challenged by the parents in court. There is also no order of stay of execution."

"So, our IGP is duty-bound to assist the court to execute the orders. Failure to do so will be contempt of court and grievous dereliction of duty," she added.

Teo described the statements by Najib and Rohani as a "huge blow" to the dignity of the judiciary in this country.

"Najib and Rohani need to retract and apologise for their statements and action needs to be taken against the IGP to restore the public confidence in our judiciary system," she added.

