

Ban Mais, Jais officials from Sarawak, says PKR
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Sarawak PKR today called on the state government to ban officials from the Selangor Islamic Affairs Council (Mais) and Selangor Islamic Affairs Department (Jais) from entering Sarawak as the party considers them to be religious bigots.

“Mais and Jais are religious bigots and should be banned from entering Sarawak,” state PKR vice-chairperson See Chee How said.

“Even Assistant Minister in the Chief Minister’s Office (Islamic Affairs) Daud Abdul Rahman (right) has criticised these guys for coming to Sarawak without informing the State Religious Department.

“They are disrespectful to the state government,” See said.

See, who is the Batu Lintang assemblyperson, was asked to comment on the refusal of Mais and Jais to return the copies of the Bible to the Bible Society of Malaysia (BSM), even though they were ordered to do so by Selangor Menteri Besar Abdul Khalid Ibrahim and Attorney-General Abdul Gani Patail.

More than 300 copies of the Bible in the Malay and Iban languages were seized from BSM by Jais in January this year.

Chief Minister Adenan Satem recently reiterated the state government’s stand that racists, extremists and bigots would be banned from entering Sarawak.

Also today, the PKR Mas Gading branch lodged a police report against Mohamad Adzib Mohd Isa, chairperson of Mais, for refusing to return the Bible to BSM.

Police report made against IGP

The branch also lodged a report against the Inspector-General of Police Khalid Abu Bakar over his statement that the police would not carry out the orders of the High Court in Ipoh and in Seremban.

The reports were lodged by Mas Gading branch chairperson Willy Boniface Tumek and branch secretary Francis Teron at the Sungai Maong police station in Kuching.

Reading a statement from the branch, Francis who is a lawyer, said PKR was greatly concerned by the latest developments in the two interfaith child custody cases and the seizure of the Bible – which have dismayed many Malaysians since 2009.

“Mohd Adzib (right) has now gone on record and said the Bible should not be returned and that action should be taken against BSM.

“He went to say that the Selangor government has no jurisdiction over Mais, effectively saying Mais is above the Selangor government and above the Attorney-General’s Chambers, which is entrusted to decide whether or not a criminal charge is to be preferred.

“On the same day, IGP Khalid made a strong statement that police will not carry out the orders of the High Court in Ipoh and in Seremban, arising from child custody battles between two Hindu mothers and their respective former husbands who have converted to Islam,” Francis said.

He said Sarawakians are concerned that the national head of the police force had knowingly and publicly chosen to ignore orders from two High Court benches when the only acceptable course of action would have been for the police to carry out the orders.

“By doing that, the two Hindu mothers M Indira Gandhi and S Deepa were denied justice by the very branch of the government that has as its primary duty the enforcement and upholding of law and order in the country.

“Equally frightening is the possibility of a serious loss in confidence in the judiciary among Malaysians, not to mention among foreign investors,” said Francis, who also called on AG Gani (right) to put his foot down and in no uncertain terms tell Mais and Jais and the IGP that they are not above the court.

“Above all, Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak must not continue to remain silent on these very sensitive issues, especially when there are now government agencies that have publicly proclaimed themselves to be above the government and above the laws of the country,” Francis added.

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