

Sabah DAP tells PM to learn from Scots
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Sabah DAP has asked Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak to learn from the example of the Scottish referendum in how to deal in a civilised manner with the grouses of East Malaysians.

State chairperson Jimmy Wong (below) said Najib should emulate his British counterpart David Cameron on the democratic way in the latter had dealt with the referendum, by listening to the people in Sabah and Sarawak instead of using the Sedition Act to charge alleged separatists.

Scotland yesterday spurned a move towards independence in a historic referendum that had threatened to rip the United Kingdom apart.

Although the outcome of the Scottish referendum poll said 'no' to independence, Wong said the move had proven that the current system practiced in Westminster had failed to comprehend the needs and development of Scotland.

"It is the same like what is practiced here in Putrajaya," he said in a statement yesterday.

Wong urged the government to upgrade the Sabah and Sarawak Assembly Hall to be the Sabah and Sarawak Parliament, as well as to give more powers to Sabah and Sarawak to decide on their taxation, welfare, education and health.

Not honouring deal

Although he believed that not all Sabahans and Sarawakians would be keen for independence, the Kota Kinabalu MP said they certainly do not feel happy over the "imbalanced" distribution of wealth as well as the lacking development in Sabah and Sarawak.

"That is the reason why I call upon the federal government to listen to the people and take Scotland as an example to devolve power to Sabah and Sarawak.

"I call upon Najib and Barisan Nasional to debate on the federalism of Malaysia and the future of Sabah and Sarawak in the coming parliament session," he said.

Recently, certain pro-BN groups have urged that action be taken against groups proposing a review of the Malaysia Agreement, alleging the latter are promoting the secession of Sabah and Sarawak from Malaysia.

The latter group however claim that Putrajaya has not been honouring the agreement

signed between Sabah, Sarawak and Malaya to birth Malaysia and want remedy.

On Thursday Police inspector-general (IGP) Khalid Abu Bakar warned groups discussing secession of Sabah and Sarawak from Malaysia, saying that their statements could be seditious.

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