

Resign as finance minister, PAS tells Najib
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PARLIAMENT Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak should resign as the finance minister and hand the portfolio to somebody experienced who can handle the position on a full time basis, PAS Kuala Terengganu MP Raja Kamarul Bahrin Shah Raja Ahmad said today.

Referring to the letter sent former finance minister Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah sent to Parliament last week criticising the government's handling of the economy, Raja Kamarul (right) said Najib must give way to a person who can give the position a "full time attention".

"At the moment, the concentration of power seems to lie with the PM," he said.

Raja Bahrin was echoing the views of Tengku Razaleigh, fondly known as Ku Li, on the country's economy.

He also labelled Ku Li's letter to MPs as "historic" due to the nature of the opinions voiced.

"Every year, we see the same problem in the Audit Report. There is no attention given to ensure tender is handed out appropriately," he said.

Raja Bahrin also said that the government had neglected developing the agriculture industry in Malaysia as it was focused too much on oil revenue.

"Next year, oil revenue is expected to drop further. How will the government look for other sources of revenue?"

"Even our rice is imported, and that, too, is monopolised," he said.

Last week, Ku Li wrote a letter to parliamentarians expressing his fear over the country's economic outlook.

Urging deferment of the Goods and Services Tax, he said the government is not "listening" to the concerns of the people as Budget 2015 "belittles" what needs urgent attention.