

I hope dad backs Eminent 25, says Dr M's daughter

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Former premier Dr Mahathir Mohamad's daughter Marina said that her father will also lend his support to the 25 eminent Malays if he reads their letter.

"Looking at the letter, I don't think he (Mahathir) would object.

"So I hope that he too would support (their demands)," she told reporters in Kuala Lumpur today.

In a strongly-worded letter to Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak, the former top civil servants and luminaries called on him to show leadership in the face of extremism.

Despite the social activist hoping that her father will support the call for moderation, Mahathir, who is the adviser for right-wing movement Perkasa, is often criticised as churning out extreme views himself.

Meanwhile, Marina said that almost two weeks have passed since the letter was revealed but Najib continues to remain silent.

"They (the eminent Malays) asked the prime minister to act and are waiting for his response. It has been almost two weeks, but we have yet to hear his response," she added.

Marina also welcomed the move by the 25, stating that a solution must be found together for the problems plaguing the nation at present.

"There is a lot of pressure now and we all must sit together to find a solution in a calm and rational manner," she said.

"Hence, I salute them for giving hope to Malaysians," she added.

On another matter, Marina hoped that hudud would not be enforced in Kelantan, stating that it will divide the people of this nation.

"I feel that even non-Muslim Malaysians would not have the heart to see Muslims being subjected to hudud.

"I am not too familiar with the ways of Parliament but I hope this Bill would not be passed.

"This is not the time to enforce these laws, more so in a country where there are people of various races and faiths," she added.

The PAS-led Kelantan government will be holding a special state assembly sitting on Dec 29 regarding the Hudud Bill.

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