

Honour MOU or face legal action, Hindraf tells PM

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Hindraf said they are prepared to "go the full mile" to take legal action if Prime Minister Najib Razak does not honour the memorandum of understanding (MOU) signed prior to the 13th general election.

"Hindraf today in a letter to Najib has requested Najib for a report card on what has been delivered vis-à-vis the agreement over the last two years.

"Hindraf is calling to account the performance of the BN government to the terms of the contract.

"This is a legal contract and has the force of law. Najib is obliged to comply with the terms of the contract.

"Failure to do so will amount to a breach of contract and Hindraf is preparing to go the full mile on this matter," said Hindraf adviser N Ganesan in a statement today on the second anniversary of the MOU signing.

The MOU was Najib's trump card pulled out just weeks before the May 8 general election in 2013 in which the PM promised to uplift the Indian community.

In exchange, Hindraf called on the Indians to return BN its two-thirds parliamentary majority.

Following BN's narrow win, Hindraf chairperson P Waythamoorthy was made a deputy minister in the Prime Minister's Department.

However, after eight months into the job, he resigned, blaming the government and Najib for not fulfilling their pledges as promised in the MOU, a five-year blueprint for the progress of the marginalised Indian community.

'Done more for Indians' meaningless

Ganesan took a swipe at Najib's supporters' claims in the face of the PM's open confrontation with his predecessor Dr Mahathir Mohamad, that much has been done for the Indians.

"There are some who comment that he has actually done more for the Indians than any prime minister in the past.

"This is actually only an apologetic and distracting comment as the terms of the MOU does not call for him just to do more than all his predecessors, but to engage in significant socio-economic interventions that produce permanent and comprehensive solutions for

the marginalised and poor Indians," said Ganesan.

He said if Najib ignores the MOU for a second year running, after snubbing their reminder during last year's anniversary, court action would be in the pipeline.

"Najib has a choice. He either fulfils his end of the agreement and honourably does what he promised or let the matter go as they are developing now and let the courts decide on the possibility of a breach, in due time," said Ganesan.

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