

Perkasa disses 11MP, 'little' for Malays, bumis

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Malay NGO Perkasa has dismissed the 11th Malaysia Plan (11MP) tabled by the prime minister last week for not having specific strategies and economic plan for the bumiputera and Malays.

Its president Ibrahim Ali said after the NGO's economic bureau week-long post-mortem of 11MP, they found out that the document sorely lacks emphasis on economic strategy for the group which makes up the majority of the population.

He said only five percent from the whole document - made up of 389 pages of the core document and 601 pages from the 21-volume strategic pages - mentioned Malay/bumiputera economic strategy.

"Without specifically mentioning Melayu/bumiputera in the chapters (of 11MP), the country will lose focus, especially regarding specific agenda (for Malays), such as affirmative action.

"We support that the government opens the Tekun and Amanah Ikhtiar (microcredit) funds for all races, as there are those who are not bumiputera who need help as well.

"But the bumiputeras are still left far behind in terms of their share of the economic pie," he told a press conference today.

'Bumiputera agenda axis to 11MP'

Ibrahim said Perkasa will notify the prime minister, deputy prime minister, and director-general of the Economic Planning Unit to revise 11MP to suit the Bumiputera Agenda.

He said Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak himself had promised that the Bumiputera agenda shall be in line with the national agenda after the 2013 general elections.

"Who is the governing party? Who are the BN supporters? The Malays and the Bumiputeras. The Malays helped Umno to recover seven seats they lost in 2008," he said.

On Sept 14, 2013, Najib unveiled a slew of measures to prop up the bumiputera community, including requiring government-linked companies to set bumiputera participation targets.

Ibrahim (right in photo) also urged Malay and bumiputera MPs to bring up the issue during the 11MP debate in Parliament.

"Perkasa urges all Malay bumiputera MPs to give serious attention in debating the 11MP so that the Bumiputera Economic Agenda will become an axis to 11MP as a whole," he said.

He also called on the media to probe the prime minister and other senior Umno leaders about the Bumiputera Agenda in 11MP.

"I am willing to fight for this," he added.

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