

Kit Siang: It's not illegal to want Najib toppled
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It is not illegal for simply wanting to see Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak removed from office, said DAP supremo Lim Kit Siang.

He said this in response to a slew of investigations against those demanding Najib's resignation under Section 124B of the Penal Code which concerns 'activities detrimental to parliamentary democracy'.

"With the UMNO/BN winning only a minority vote of 47 percent in the 13th general election, I dare say that the majority of Malaysians would want to see Najib Razak (photo) toppled as prime minister and the UMNO/BN government replaced as well.

"But this does not bring the majority of Malaysians under the ambit of Section 124B of the Penal Code for 'activities detrimental to parliamentary democracy'.

"They all reject any violent or unconstitutional means of change and are fully committed to peaceful, democratic, and constitutional means of change, including the toppling of the prime minister or government," he said in a statement today.

Lim pointed out that Putrajaya appear to be going against its promise that the law would only be used on those who use violent and unconstitutional means, when it was first created in 2012.

"It would appear that we have quickly degenerated to a stage where anyone who wants to see a change of prime minister or government is liable to be investigated, arrested and charged under Section 124B for 'activities detrimental to parliamentary democracy'.

"If a law which is meant to deal with terrorism and advocates of violent and unconstitutional means of political change could be used against Malaysians who advocate peaceful, democratic and constitutional means of political change, it would even mean the death of democracy itself.

"In fact, it is those who abused and misused Section 124B against Malaysians who sought political changes through peaceful, democratic, and constitutional means who are guilty of 'activities detrimental to parliamentary democracy' and who should be charged under Section 124B of the Penal Code," he said.

Lim also called on attorney-general Mohamed Apandi Ali and inspector-general of police Khalid Abu Bakar to give their assurance that the witch hunt under Section 124B of the Penal Code will cease.