

Najib slammed for 'bastardised' statement

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Gerakan Harapan Baru (GHB) has blasted Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak for saying that Malays would be "bastardised" if Umno were to lose power.

Najib, who is also Umno president, made the statement during the Perlis delegates meeting in Kangar yesterday morning.

GHB pro-tem committee chief Mohamad Sabu, better known as Mat Sabu, said if Umno were to lose power, Najib would probably be afraid of ending up at the Sungai Buloh Prison in Selangor.

The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) has been investigating allegations involving the 1MDB but the police have been ordered to investigate the MACC instead, Mat Sabu said in Seberang Jaya last night.

"In the midst of all these, the Bukit Aman police headquarters caught fire. It is just like a Hindustani movie!" Mat Sabu exclaimed, laughing.

"If Umno is defeated, who wins? There are Malays in the opposition (formerly Pakatan Rakyat), Malays in DAP and PKR," he told the 500-odd crowd that attended the official launch of GHB at the Dewan SP Arena.

The Sungai Buloh Prison is where former opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim is serving a five-year jail sentence for a sodomy conviction.

Other than the 1MDB, under which billions of ringgit in debts are still unaccounted for, Najib is facing intense criticism over donations worth RM2.6 billion deposited into his personal bank accounts before the 2013 general election (GE13).

Mat Sabu also hinted that if Najib was found guilty over the two issues, the prime minister could be hauled up by the authorities.

He then went on to assure the gathering that a new opposition coalition of DAP, PKR and GHB's new party, Amanah, would ensure that all voices are heard and all communities, defended.

"Several parliamentary seats have been won by Malays in DAP and PKR. There are also many seats where BN fielded non-Malays but our Malay candidates won," he noted.

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Mat Sabu singled-out seats such as Raub in Pahang and Kota Raja in Selangor, where DAP's

Ariff Sabri Abdul Aziz and PAS' Siti Maria Mahmud won respectively.

He reminded that BN fielded a Chinese candidate in Raub and an Indian in Kota Raja in the 2013 general election.

"Is Ariff a Chinese or Malay? He is Chinese," Sabu said sarcastically.

"Is Pakatan's candidate Siti Maria a Malay or Indian?" He repeated the sarcasm. And the crowd responded playfully, saying "Indian".

"Since we have seats won by Malays, we have representatives who will be the voice of Muslims," Mat Sabu said.

He also cited the case of Dyana Sofya Mohd Daud (photo), who contested against Gerakan president Mah Siew Keong in the by-election for Teluk Intan in 2014.

Recalling the words of his "ex-president" (Abdul Hadi Awang), Mat Sabu said Dyana Sofya was brave and she represented DAP to fight against a Chinese candidate, not a Malay".

"Don't worry about the Chinese or Malays. DAP can't win the country on its own. Can DAP win or rule the country and nation?" Mat Sabu asked.

"They can't, no matter how many years it will take. There must be cohesion among DAP, PKR and GHB for that to happen," he added.

Mat Sabu said politics was not based on statistics but perception, and currently the Malays perceive that if Umno loses power, DAP will rule Malaysia.

"But how long will the Malays be fooled?"

The event was attended by GHB's top brass, including MPs Mujahid Yusof Rawa (Parit Buntar), Hanipa Maidin (Sepang), Dr Hatta Mohd Ramli (Kuala Krai), former PAS vice-president Salahuddin Ayub and former Youth chief Suhaizan Kayat.

Penang Deputy Chief Minister I Rashid Hasnon represented PKR and state executive councillor Chow Kow Yeow for DAP.