

Perkasa: Not a crime to use Article 153 to the maximum
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The government must use provisions safeguarding the special position of Malays to the maximum, Malay pressure group Perkasa said.

Its president Ibrahim Ali stressed that doing so is not a crime.

“The government must take advantage of the special position given to Malays to the maximum, in formulating policy and implementing the economic and development agenda to ensure Malays and the bumiputera at large can equitably enjoy the wealth of the nation,” he said.

He said this in a speech during a Perkasa event in Penang yesterday.

Ibrahim said the Malays and native communities should also strengthen their political might, on top of defending the federal constitution.

“Natives must defend the constitution and ensure political power is not lost to those who are fighting for a Malaysian Malaysia.

“We must boldly rise to demand our rights as stipulated in the federal constitution, which we see today is being decimated by Malay leaders themselves,” he said.

Article 153 of the federal constitution deals with the “special position” of Malays and natives of Sabah and Sarawak, and the “legitimate interests” of other communities.

It speaks of reservations or quotas in terms of public service, scholarship, training, and trade licenses for Malays and natives of Sabah and Sarawak.

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