

'This is not a 1Malaysia government'
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In reading out the composition of the civil service, Ipoh Timur parliamentarian Lim Kit Siang stressed: "This is not a 1Malaysia government", pointing out what he claimed were grossly disproportionate racial representations.

NONE Currently, according to him, the Malays in the government stand at 78.2 percent, other bumiputeras 7.7 percent, Chinese 5.8 percent, Indian 4 percent and other races 4.2 percent.

Speaking at a press conference in the parliament lobby today, Lim (left) compared those statistics to just before the implementation of the New Economic Policy (NEP) in 1971.

"Then, the composition was Malays and bumiputeras 60.8 percent, Chinese 20.2 percent, and Indians 17.4 percent."

"(Presently) we now have the worst, lowest, representation of the Chinese and Indians in the civil service history of Malaysia. How could this take place?" he asked.

Answering his own question, he pointed the finger at BN component parties.

"This is the failure of MCA, Gerakan, MIC and Umno ministers (who failed to ensure fair recruitment). There must be an improvement. When I asked the question in Parliament they said there will be an improvement, but things happen otherwise."

Lim called on the government and cabinet to put the matter of the low Chinese and Indian representation in the civil service on its agenda.

'Missing NEM Report'

Lim also questioned why the full report of the New Economic Model (NEM) had not been tabled to Parliament.

"All we got is the very slim report, its executive summary. This is already Apr 7. It's been more than a week since the PM announced part one of the policy, why is the report not ready? "

This Lim said, shows a lack of seriousness about the government in engaging stakeholders involved in the economic model's future implementation.

NONE "The report by the National Economic Action Council (NEAC) stressed the importance to get what it called the 'buy in' or involvement of all stakeholders so that the policy would not be a failure."

"If the government is not prepared to engage Parliament and submit a report on NEM, than it has failed the first test of the model for not fully engaging the stakeholders and Parliament is the most important of stakeholders."

Lim also compared Najib's NEM with the knowledge-based Economic Master Plan initiated under former PM Abdullah Badawi.

"Now we have the NEM recycling some of the proposals that were made (in the K-Economy policy)."

Lim added that if the government is not serious with the NEM, then the new model may suffer the same fate of the older policy, holding up the faded copy of what he called a failed "museum policy".

"The book has gone to the museum. Will the NEM end up there? If the government is not serious, then yes."

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