

Minister: No further action on Nasir Safar
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Nasir Safar, the former special officer to Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak, has been exonerated by the authorities of stoking racial flames during his speech in Malacca earlier this year.

According to de facto law minister Mohd Nazri Abdul Aziz, statements have been recorded from Nasir and there was insufficient evidence to prove intention to incite racial ill-will, according to subsection 3 (1) of the Sedition Act 1948.

"In addition, the suspect has apologised openly on Feb 4, two days after the incident, and stated that he has no intention to speak on seditious issues or offend any ethnic group.

NONE "The suspect's statements referred to economic migrants and not locally-born Chinese or Indians," said Nazri in his written parliamentary reply to Gobind Singh Deo (DAP-Puchong).

Nazri also stated that Nasir (centre, in picture) had resigned from his post at the prime minister's office on the day that he issued the apology.

In view of these factors, Nazri said a decision for no further action was arrived at.

In February, Nasir caused a storm during a 1Malaysia function in Malacca attended by state leaders of BN component parties when he reportedly labeled the Chinese and Indians as "pendatang" (migrants).

Hisham warns of ISA on Perkasa, Gertak

Many participants at the function were particularly sore with Nasir for stating that the Chinese, particular women, came to Malaysia as prostitutes.

Nasir also reportedly threatened those protesting the government decision to limit the amount of subjects for Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) with revocation of their citizenship.

This led to MCA and MIC leaders staging a walkout from the function.

hishammuddin hussein home ministry 140409 talking In another development, the Home Ministry said that the government will take action against Malay rights groups Perkasa and Gertak, if the groups were found fanning racial fires.

Home Minister Hishammuddin Hussein (left) said the laws that could be applied include the Internal Security Act 1960, Emergency Ordinance (Public Order and Crime Prevention) 1969, Sedition Act 1948 and Societies Act 1966.

Hishammuddin said this in his written parliamentary reply to Dr Siti Mariah Mahmud (PAS-Kota Raja), who asked if the government intends to take action against Perkasa and Gertak.

In her question, Siti Mariah alleged that the two groups "frequently raised sensitive racial issues which can threaten national security and public order".

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