

**Mind your language on race, says ex-IGP**  
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Mind your language when deliberating on racial issues. This advice comes from former inspector-general of police (IGP) Mohammed Hanif Omar.

NONThe man who was the country's longest-serving IGP (right) made this impassioned plea when reminding non-governmental organisations (NGO) to mind their language when discussing racial issues.

He said this was to ensure that whatever words used were not offensive or sensitive to any quarters.

"Every party has the right to issue statements but they should refrain from beginning it with anything that could hurt the feelings of others.

"This does not mean that the statement would not be accepted but each claim or statement made, and the language used, must not be hurtful to others," he said when asked to comment on repeated racist statements made by some NGOs.

He was speaking to reporters after launching the Malaysian Historical Society's 55th annual general meeting here today.

Meanwhile, on a proposal that entertainment outlets be closed during the month of Ramadhan, Mohammed Hanif, who is also Genting Berhad deputy chairman, said it was not feasible.

He reasoned that as Malaysia was a multi-racial country, the move would be unfair to the non-Muslims.

However, it would be possible for entertainment outlets to restrict Muslims from entering the premises during the fasting month, he noted.

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