



**Teach all 'racist' gov't officers
a lesson: MIC Youth**

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The MIC Youth wants the government to act sternly against all civil servants who make racial slurs, so that others will be deterred from following suit.

Secretary C Sivarraajah sent a memorandum to the government on this today, demanding disciplinary action for the latest string of racist remarks by the principals of two schools, teachers and an official of the National Civics Bureau (BTN or Biro Tata Negara).

"We want immediate action against these professionals... because of several individuals, the image of our government and the administration of the prime minister is at stake," he said.

The disciplinary action that has been promised has to be severe enough to prevent such problems from recurring, he said.

"Lately several government staff have been overreacting and making such racial slurs. Does this trend exist because of the failures of the Public Services Department?" asked Sivarraajah (*left*).

About 10 executive council members of MIC Youth, led by Sivarraajah, submitted the memorandum to Nordziah Mohamed, the private secretary to Mohd Sidek Hassan, the chief secretary to the government.

Last month, Siti Aishah Mansor, principal of SMK Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra in Kulai, Johor, was said to have told the Chinese students they were "not needed" and should "return" to China. She reportedly also criticised Indian students for wearing prayer bands on their wrists, which she said only dogs would wear.

A week later, the principal of SMK Bukit Selambau in Sungai Petani, Kedah, Ungku Aznan Ungku Ismail, was accused of making similar derogatory remarks about Chinese students.

The Public Services Department, which oversees disciplinary action against senior government staff, is yet to act on the matter. This follows the declaration by deputy premier and Education Minister Muhyiddin Yassin that he and his ministry have no power to sack the principals concerned.

But even before the dust settled, BTN deputy director Hamim Husin had, at a closed-door function with Puteri Umno, stirred up more hate against non-Malays by telling participants that the "rights of Malays is to rule the country. Simple. Malays must unite in the face of threats".

Later, when acknowledging that the Malays could not rule the country without the cooperation of non-Malays, Hamim reportedly said: "That's why we make friends with the MCA and MIC.

"The *si mata sepet* that has never gone to a mosque or surau only has one vote. The *si botol* that only knows how to go up to Batu Caves up and down only has one vote."

On Sunday, MIC Youth chief T Mohan had issued an ultimatum to the government demanding that it moves against such "racists" within two weeks, or face legal action.

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