

'Ministers must declare undivided loyalty to 1M'sia'
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DAP dares Premier Najib Abdul Razak to revamp his cabinet to ensure that only ministers who publicly declare undivided loyalty to the 1Malaysia concept to build a united Malaysian nation, have a place in the government.

Party supremo Lim Kit Siang claimed that the 1Malaysia concept will only remain a pipe dream if all his cabinet members are not responding to the call that all Malaysians must regard themselves as Malaysians first, and race second.

He alleged that Najib's deputy Muhyiddin Yassin's stand that he is Malay first, is a big hurdle to the realisation of the premier's 1Malaysia dream.

Kit Siang also questioned why Muhyiddin who headed the weekly Wednesday cabinet meeting, did not make the official announcement, asking the Chief Secretary to the Government to investigate the allegation that the National Civics Bureau (BTN) deputy chief had made racist remarks.

Instead he chose to leave it to Human resources Minister Dr S Subramaniam.

"Is it because the controversy over BTN's latest offence against Najib's 1Malaysia concept is regarded as a trivial matter not serious enough to warrant the personal attention and concern of the Deputy Prime Minister?" he asked in a media statement.

Kit Siang accused Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Koh Tsu Koon statement, warning the public against over-reaction in race disputes of seemingly echoing the message of some Umno leaders to not take too seriously the latest infraction in BTN.

"In fact, Tsu Koon seems to be speaking the same language as Perkasa which has claimed an overreaction with the issue "blown out of proportion" over the racist and derogatory remarks of BTN deputy director Hamim Hussain at a closed-door Umno Puteri meeting," the DAP veteran leader pointed out.

Hamim was alleged to have referred to the Chinese and Indian communities as "Si Mata Sepet" (squinty-eyed) and "Si Kaki Botol" (alcoholics) respectively.

Dissolve BTN

The DAP Parliamentary Leader was disappointed that his call to dissolve BTN did not materialise at yesterday's BN cabinet.

"In failing to consider whether BTN should be dissolved, Cabinet has done a great disservice to 1Malaysia concept propounded by Najib " he reasoned.

"The weak-kneed Cabinet decision on the latest anti-1Malaysia offence of BTN is a great disappointment and shame and the greatest disservice to Najib's 1Malaysia concept.

"This is not the first time that the BTN has proven that it is not fit to be an agency entrusted with the responsibility to instil patriotism among civil servants and undergraduates.

"On the contrary, it has emerged as the greatest enemy to Najib's 1Malaysia policy by propounding the narrow and unconstitutional concepts of Malay supremacy, holding to the highly biased, prejudiced and jaundiced view that non-Malays are *kaum pendatang* whose loyalty to Malaysia are to be doubted the Ipoh Timor MP pointed out.

He added that the greatest concentration of racists in government are to be found in the BTN.

"This is why the failure of any government action against the BTN is an immediate reflection on the hollowness of Najib's recent declaration of "zero tolerance for racism" just before National Day and his United Nations speech calling on the moderates in the world to unite against the extremists!

"It is evident that Najib's Cabinet is incapable of upholding and defending the Prime Minister's 1Malaysia slogan and policy," he concluded.

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