

Ibrahim Ali: I'm back, alive and kicking
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Controversy magnet Ibrahim Ali today strode into Parliament after a month-long hiatus, taking the opportunity to "prove" he's alive and raring to get back into his pugnacious style of politics.

NONETaking a swipe at bloggers and rumour-mongers who had claimed that he had fallen into a coma or was dying, the Pasir Mas MP and Perkasa president (left) said it was time for him to dispel rumours about his health.

"I came to prove that I'm well, despite my doctor's advice to me to take three months' rest," he told a press conference in the Parliament lobby today.

Today is the first time Ibrahim has attended a Parliament meeting after going through a by-pass operation in October.

"I feel sorry for those who hoped that I had died or (was in a) coma," he quipped, to the amusement of journalists.

Ibrahim noted that he has not been sitting idly while on medical leave, dishing out some suggestions that he and Malay pressure group Perkasa intend to follow up on in the near future.

He said that it is strange that Malaysia does not have any museums to commemorate its national heroes and sultans, and more importantly incidents that had shaped the national psyche such as the May 13 racial riots.

NONEHe took the example of the Holocaust Museum in Germany, that he said described the many evils that Nazi leader Adolf Hitler had committed during his bloody campaign in World War II.

"We should set up a May 13 museum. Look at it positively," he said.

"We need to tell the real story so that the young generation can know for themselves who started the whole thing, who burned the Malaysian flag on May 10, who took to the streets and sparked the riots."

Ibrahim also proposed that the Council of Rulers take a proactive step and set up a royal commission to monitor the government's progress in promoting bumiputera participation in the economy.

He said the council needs to do more to push the bumiputera agenda in tandem with the country's goal of becoming a developed nation by 2020.

"Perkasa will send a memorandum and letter to the Council of Rulers to ask them to set up a royal commission, or at least a steering committee. This is to guarantee we will achieve 30 percent overall bumiputera economic participation by the time we reach developed

nation status," he said.

Ibrahim acknowledged that the government has proven its commitment by setting up a bumiputera economic committee headed by Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak, but stressed that it still needs an independent party to monitor its progress.

'Wrong is wrong'

Ibrahim also took a swipe at PAS leaders, particularly spiritual leader Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat and president Abdul Hadi Awang, for feigning indifference to the WikiLeaks expose on Anwar Ibrahim's sodomy charge.

"I believe that Nik nik aziz hadi awang pasAziz and Hadi are also shocked (by the news), but they merely act as if they are not surprised because of their political friendship," he said.

Ibrahim stressed that whether or not Anwar's second sodomy charge was the result of entrapment, the crux of the matter is whether or not the latter had committed the act.

"The question of entrapment or conspiracy does not arise. When we do something and people decide to take action, we cannot blame them because the fact is we did something which was not good. It is a moral issue.

"I am not accusing him of being involved... what I am saying is that we need to be careful and watch what we do so that we are not involved in such issues."

'Singapore is jealous'

Asked to comment on the alleged comments by Singapore foreign affairs officials that Malaysian leaders are "incompetent", Ibrahim said it is consistent behaviour from the neighbouring city state, which is "jealous" of Malaysia.

He claimed that it is a Singaporean agenda to "demoralise" Malaysia internationally, and insinuated that the Singapore ruling party PAP is working in tandem with DAP to make Malaysia look bad.

"I'm convinced, they (Singapore) are really jealous of Malaysia and are not happy with Malaysia on many things," he said.

Ibrahim also said namewee at ttdi police station t thirt message it is up to the government to decide on the merits of providing financial aid to rapper Wee Meng Chee (right), otherwise known as Namewee, to shoot his proposed movie 'Nasi Lemak 2.0'.

He appeared disappointed that no action has been taken against Namewee for disrespecting the national anthem, while two school principals accused of making racist comments have been subjected to a trial by media.

But he maintained that it is up to the majority to decide on whether or not the rapper deserves support.

"If the government feels that not taking action against Namewee can add votes for the BN, then by all means go ahead... please make the right decision," he said.

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