

Government not listening to will of the nation
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In regards to the matter report, I condemn the arrest of the 11 people including a six-year-old girl who had gathered at Putrajaya to submit a Deepavalli appeal to the prime minister for the release of all the ISA detainees.

This act again is a barbaric and unlawful action taken by the police under the instruction of the Umno-led government in Malaysia. This little girl was there as a sign of love for the prime minister, seeking the release of her uncle P Uthayakumar and all the detainees of the cruel and unjust Internal Security Act.

She even extended an invitation to the PM for him to come to her house on Deepavalli. All the other 11 people, including the wife of Hindraf chairperson P Waythamoorthy were there in a very peaceful manner.

The arrest was not only an insult to the Indians but to all Malaysians whom belief in human rights and respects for the federal constitution. The arrest is against the world's human rights standards and Article 10 of the federal constitution which guarantees freedom of assembly for all.

It is such a shame for Malaysia to be on the United Nation's Human Rights Council when the ruling Umno government can oppress the nation with its absolute ruling power.

A six-year old child was detained for being at a so-called illegal assembly. Kuala Lumpur police chief Muhammad Sabtu Osman said that she was not arrested but under her mother's care. How can a six-year-old girl be under her mother's care in the lock-up?

Would not the detention affect the child's mind? How would she feel being surrounded by bars and police personnel? She was only there to submit an appeal and an invitation to the PM but was instead detained for no reason.

Is the Umno government trying to shut the mouth of the nation and blind us to our rights? The ban on Hindraf itself is an illegal action taken by the home ministry. Article 10 of the federal constitution provides a right to form an association. The action taken by Home Minister Syed Hamid Albar is an violation of the federal constitution and is an illegal move.

Who should be arrested now? Shouldn't Syed Hamid Albar be charged in court for violating the constitution? Should the police be charged in court for disrupting a peaceful assembly? Where is the law in this country? The Umno government, the police and the ministers are themselves breaking the law. But they put up a drama in the eyes of the world.

The home minister said that he believes that he has the support of the Indian community on the banning of Hindraf. Is the home minister deaf to all the criticisms on that issue by elected representative in parliament? Hindraf represents the Hindu and Indian community in Malaysia. They had fought against the demolitions of the holy temples and for the rights of Indians in Malaysia.

What wrong has Hindraf done that it deserve to be banned? Is Umno shaken by the Hindraf movement which reveals the cruelty and evilness of the ruling government? What more will

the ruling government do to the oppressed of the nation to hide all its wrongdoings? Use the ISA more? Use the police more?

Enough is enough! The cruelty has to stop. Justice needs to prevail. All the culprits need to be brought to court and evil needs to be defeated. This is my beloved country and I want to see change upon this country. The younger generation does not tolerate racial outbursts and wrongdoings by the government.

The Internal Security Act must be abolished. The heroes of this country must be freed. How much more does this nation need to go through? Has Umno not learned from the previous general elections? Is Malaysia a police state?

I also appeal for the cruel Internal Security Act to be abolished. This is the cry and will of this nation. Hundreds of rallies and vigils have been organised by various parties to send a message to the government for this act to be abolished but the government seems not to be listening.

The government seems to be doing what they want and not what the nation wants. Please listen to this nation and bring peace and justice upon this country. I call upon Syed Hamid Albar to resign as home minister as he has failed in his duties and has rejected the will of this nation.

He is no longer fit to be a home minister as he is a shame for Malaysia. If the government still does not listen to the will of this nation and does not abolish the ISA, then Malaysia is no longer fit to be on the United Nations Human Rights Council because it's such a shame for us to talk about human rights when we do not practice it.

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