

Kit Siang calls for national 'Say No to Racism' campaign
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KUALA LUMPUR - DAP stalwart Lim Kit Siang has urged the Najib administration to launch a "Say No to Racism" campaign to combat the escalating racial and religious tension.

According to the MP for Ipoh Timur, the issue of racist bigotry and religious extremism has worsen and increasingly invading the public sphere and consciousness.

He urged for a national "Say No to Racism" campaign which he claimed rise above party politics and leverage on the fact that the majority of Malaysians take an unequivocal stand denouncing racism.

Lim's statement, in his latest posting on his blog Monday, was a response to the racist principle incident in which he described the inaction of the government against the two school principals from Kedah and Johor as "sore thumb."

"Is Najib prepared to give flesh to his "Zero tolerance for Racism" declaration and put his 1Malaysia policy to the test by leading a nationwide "Say No to Racism" campaign starting with errant Umno leaders, government officials and Utusan Malaysia?" Lim asked in his blog post.

The Direct-General of Education Alimuddin Mohd Dom had issued a circular dated August 26 to all school principals and teachers warning of action to be taken for racist remarks in schools.

However, the school principals have not been referred to the police, Lim said.

According to him, such inaction contradicts to the Prime Minister's "Zero-tolerance for racism" policy in which he declared two weeks after the racist principals incidents.

The DAP adviser also claimed that the escalation of race and religion rhetoric is one reason to why there has been low national enthusiasm in celebrating the National Month theme: "1Malaysia - Transforming the Nation." — MM

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