

Nurul Izzah invites Najib to an open debate
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KUALA LUMPUR - Lembah Pantai MP Nurul Izzah Anwar (*left*) has invited Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak on Wednesday to an open discussion on issues related to press freedom and election reforms.

Nurul's invitation was triggered by a reminder from the PM on Monday against questioning the "social contract" and said that it is everyone's responsibility to care for the country's future generation.

She asked in a statement released Wednesday, "If we cannot discuss the 'social contract', then can we instead discuss the 'political contract', that should be built on a free and fair election supported by a functioning fourth estate, a free media?"

She said that the people will only be handed a "hit contract" which is "hit" by state propaganda and at the ballot box through an unfair electoral process if citizens are denied all fundamental rights in a democratic society.

"If people cannot have reliable information, exchange opinions or even have their dissenting voices heard through a free and independent media, and vote for their legitimate representatives in a free and fair manner, then what kind of "political contract" have the people be handed with?" she asked.

"If we still cannot discuss or debate on our "political contract", then do tell us what can be discussed?"

Nurul has on Merdeka Day challenged Perkasa Ibrahim Ali to a public debate but the pro-Malay rights group president has refused to come forward, according to news portal *Malaysian Insider*.

Nurul, who wanted to discuss on the issue of Malay rights, argued that the special rights envisioned by Perkasa is one that is ideologically and philosophically constructed which is not rooted in the Constitution or law.

However, *Malaysian Insider* reported that Ibrahim brushed off Nurul's challenge and dismissed her argument by simply describing her as a "small fry."

He was also quoted as saying Nurul is still young and inexperienced but is already auctioning the pride of the Malay race

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