

Kit Siang slams Muhyiddin's 'powerless' gaffe
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PETALING JAYA - Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin's latest gaffe about him being "powerless" to take action against the two school principals who made racist slurs against students in their schools was roundly criticised by DAP veteran Lim Kit Siang on Friday.

In his latest blog posting, the MP for Ipoh Timur said the DPM "has again rubbished" Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak's slogan of '1Malaysia. People First. Performance Now' when he made his startling "powerless" statement Thursday.

The previous occasion when Muhyiddin "rubbished" Najib's "1Malaysia. People First. Performance Now" concept was when the DPM declared that he is "Malay first, Malaysian second".

According to Lim, this was diametrically contrary to the 1Malaysia objective to create a Malaysia where every Malaysian would regard himself or herself as Malaysian first and race second.

Muhyiddin's latest remark was at the opening of the Anti-Corruption Initiative for Asia and the Pacific regional seminar on the Criminalisation of Bribery in Kuala Lumpur on Thursday.

Lim said Malaysians will be wondering whether Muhyiddin would declare that he is "Malay first Malaysian second" or "Malaysian first Malay second" when his turn comes to address the UN General Assembly in his capacity as Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia!

Najib is now in New York to address the 65th United Nations General Assembly.

Lim said Muhyiddin has made a "total mockery" of the Prime Minister's 1Malaysia policy, and he has more than raised eyebrows from Malaysians as it raised troubling questions about whether Najib's 1Malaysia policy represents serious government policy and the degree of Muhyiddin's support and loyalty to the 1Malaysia policy.

Lim asked: "Is it outside Muhyiddin's power to condemn school principals for racist slurs against students in schools which are totally against the spirit and intent of 1Malaysia policy, making insulting, offensive and insensitive statements against the race and religion of students in a plural society?"

"If not, why the thunderous silence by Muhyiddin over the case of school principals making racist slurs against students in schools for more than six weeks?"

Lim reminded that Najib had himself declared a policy of "Zero Tolerance for Racism" two weeks after the nationwide uproar over the racist slurs by the two school principals.

Lim added that Pakatan Rakyat will move an urgent motion in the first day of Parliament when it reconvenes on Oct 11 for the 2011 budget session to demand a full debate on the issue if no satisfactory action is taken to honour Najib's declaration of "Zero tolerance for racism".

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