

Kit Siang: Why Subra, not Muhyiddin who made BTN probe call?
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PETALING JAYA - Why was Human Resources Minister Dr S. Subramaniam assigned the job of making the announcement of the Cabinet decision to ask the Chief Secretary to the Government to investigate the latest racist remarks of a Biro Tata Negara (BTN) official?

DAP stalwart Lim Kit Siang wondered why and asked the question in a posting on his blog Thursday:

"Is it because the controversy over BTN's latest offence against Najib's 1Malaysia concept is regarded as a trivial matter not serious enough to warrant the personal attention and concern of the Deputy Prime Minister?"

Lim noted that it was DPM Muhyiddin Yassin who chaired the Cabinet meeting during the Prime Minister's absence.

Lim said the "weak-kneed" Cabinet decision was a great disappointment and shame, doing the "greatest disservice to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak's 1Malaysia concept."

The MP for Ipoh Timur also chided Gerakan president and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Dr Koh Tsu Koon for warning against over-reaction in race disputes which "seems to be a message on behalf of Umno leaders not to take too seriously the latest infraction of the BTN".

"In fact, Tsu Koon seems to be speaking the same language as Perkasa which has claimed an overreaction with the issue 'blown out of proportion' over the racist and derogatory remarks of BTN deputy director Hamim Hussain at a closed-door Umno Puteri meeting in referring to the Chinese and Indian communities as "Si Mata Sepet" (squinty-eyed) and "Si Kaki Botol" (alcoholics) respectively," Lim said.

"Thirdly, in failing to consider whether BTN should be dissolved, Cabinet has done a great disservice to 1Malaysia concept propounded by Najib."

According to Lim, Najib's Cabinet is incapable of upholding and defending the Prime Minister's 1Malaysia slogan and policy.

Lim dared Najib to revamp his Cabinet to ensure that only Ministers who dare to publicly declare undivided loyalty to the 1Malaysia concept to build a Malaysian nation where every Malaysian would regard himself or herself as Malaysian first and race second would have a place in government.

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