

Guan Eng sends Deepavali message and no 'confusing signals'
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GEORGE TOWN - While the Penang Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng sent his Deepavali wishes to the people, he also said that Pakatan Rakyat (PR) does not send confusing signals like Umno nor subscribe to any form of racial or religious supremacy.

The MP for Bagan has on Wednesday wished all Hindus in Malaysia a happy and blessed Deepavali, a symbol of the triumph of good over evil in which he said "must guide us in our endeavour to battle ignorance, racism and religious extremism."

Lim said DAP, PAS and PKR might have different views about certain matters, but PR believes in unity to achieve common goals instead of "hurling accusations against one another."

"We reject the confusing signals sent out by UMNO politicians who, on the one hand declare that they do not need the support of non-Malays to achieve their political goals, and on the other hand claim that without the support of the non-Malays, Malaysia will have a bleak future," he said.

Titiwangsa Umno division chief Johari Abdul Ghani had apologized last Friday for his controversial remark which he said if the Titiwangsa parliamentary seat could convince 70% of the Malay voters to back the party, there was no need for Malay votes.

Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak had on Tuesday said, in a speech delivered by his deputy Muhyiddin Yassin, the country will face a 'bleak future' without the Malaysian Chinese community's support.

Lim went on further to say: "Worse despite claiming support for the Indian community, the very same politicians do not take action against principals who call Indians dogs because of the Hindu religious necklace worn around their necks."

He also said, "We do not subscribe to any form of racial or religious supremacy. We do not agree to any form of discrimination just because we are different as Indians, Chinese, Malays, Kadazans and Ibans."

The Penang chief minister also called for action taken against "bad behaviour and oppressive practices" and urged the public to support PR so that they will no longer be burdened with the "fear of freedom and living in frustration and disappointment with racial politics."

"Let therefore be united by common values such as our distaste for corrupt practices such as the unresolved MAIKA Holdings scandal, by our abhorrence for extravagance such as building the RM 5 billion 100-storey Menara Warisan Merdeka or wasteful spending like the RM 65 million just to repair the Prime Minister's residence," Lim said.

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