

Perkasa: Museum to commemorate May 13 necessary  
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KUALA LUMPUR - Ibrahim Ali on Monday demanded that the Najib administration build a special museum to commemorate the racial riot happened on May 13, 1969.

The Perkasa chief said the special museum was necessary to educate the young on the story behind May 13.

The Pasir Mas MP claimed that it was "strange" that the suggestion to build a museum for this purpose was never suggested to the government.

"Perkasa suggests that the Ministry for Information, Communications and Culture look into this. A museum for May 13 should be built, and this should be looked at positively," he was quoted as saying by The Malaysian Insider.

Ibrahim Ali cited the museum in Germany which highlights the "evils" of Hitler, saying that: "This is needed to educate the young people of this country."

"We have to let them know who started the riots. Who were the ones who burned the Malaysian flag on May 10? These are facts which the young ones need to know, it's crucial," he said.

Besides the May 13 museum, Ibrahim Ali also asked for a museum for "Malay warriors and Malay Sultans" to recognise their contributions to the country.

He said Perkasa will be sending a memorandum to the Conference of Rulers to make sure that that Bumiputeras and Malays are given a 30 percent cut of the country's economic pie by 2020.

"We want a royal commission or at least a steering committee be formed to ensure that this goal is achieved," TMI reported him as saying.

Last month, Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak had said it was unnecessary to commemorate the racial riots of May 13, when he was asked to comment on a similar proposal in the "Cuit" column of the Utusan Malaysia daily which used Singapore's Racial Harmony Day as example.

"We should regard it as an event in the annals of history from which we can learn from ... as a demarcation for us so that it will not recur," he said then.

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