

Knocking Malaysia Back To Days Of Apartheid With "1Melayu 1Bumiputera"
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KUALA LUMPUR - Loh Seng Kok said that twitching the idealism of 1Malaysia which was mooted by Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak into a racial superiority concept of "1Melayu 1Bumiputera" is no different than to regress Malaysia into legalized racial discrimination.

In his statement today, Loh said that to punish the Chinese voters for exercising their democratic right to choose is to punish democracy itself.

"It would be more appropriate if Utusan called on the government to address the grievances of the Chinese community. Utusan should not be ignorant of the fact that Brisas Nasional is not made up of one party solely, but composes 13 political parties - each representing the aspirations of the respective community. Thus to push for "1Melayu 1Bumiputera" defeats the very basis of BN itself and will backfire against the BN coalition as a whole at the ballot box."

He added that Utusan's racist diatribe appears to be a hidden agenda at helping to swing votes to the Opposition, in particular DAP which during the recently concluded Sarawak state elections had played on Chinese emotions.

Loh further questions "As an afterthought, would Utusan's take on "1Melayu 1Bumiputera" include indigenous Malaysians like native Christian Sarawakians who make up 50% of Sarawak's population? Would this "1Melayu 1Bumiputera" also include the likes of Dr Mahathir Muhammad who has acknowledged that he has Indian ancestry, Rafidah Aziz (who in the book Found in Malaysia in her own words) acknowledged she is of "pendatang" stock from Sumatera or Hishamuddin Tun Hussein Onn who has Turkish lineage?"

The MCA Central Committee member said that to give Utusan Malaysia a detailed response on its typical publication of race-incitement is to actually give it unwarranted publicity which the newspaper does not deserve at all. He added that it is unfortunate that when media independence is misused to be a harbinger of race sectarianism, it might work against the party and community it intends to help.

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