

Najib Must Act Upon Utusan To Convince Malaysians
Malaysianmirror.com
May 12, 2011

KUALA LUMPUR - DAP Secretary-General Lim Guan Eng today said that Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak must direct Utusan Malaysia to withdraw and apologise for the malicious christianity claim report and replace the editors and reporters involved in publishing the same.

In his statement, Lim said that only then can Najib convince Malaysians that Utusan Malaysia does not enjoy full legal immunity and that UMNO disagrees with Utusan Malaysia's view on the matter.

Lim added that Utusan Malaysia appears to enjoy legal immunity from printing such evil lies because it is both owned and working fully under the direction of UMNO.

"National Union of Journalists' President Hata Wahari had exposed this in an online interview, that Utusan's editorial directives were set by the Umno political bureau which reportedly sits every Monday night to discuss the paper's agenda for the week." he said.

"Those present are the president Najib Tun Razak, deputy president Muhyiddin Yassin, the three vice-presidents Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, Hishamuddin Hussein and Shafie Apdal, secretary-general Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor and information chief Ahmad Maslan." he continued.

Lim said that according to Hata, the agenda is then communicated to Utusan Malaysia's editor-in-chief via the prime minister's office.

"The paper will run an issue for three days before dropping it completely unless it receives strong public support from top BN ministers. Hata said this is a clever strategy because by the third day the other media would have snapped it up to continue milking it, which would leave Utusan free to start the ball rolling on another issue."

Lim asserted that while most urbanites can see through Utusan Malaysia's thinly-veiled propaganda, its rural readership remains staunch believers of the newspaper's lies.

For that reason, Lim said that any failure by Najib to act against Utusan Malaysia will only confirm Hata's revelation that Utusan Malaysia's lies of a Christian conspiracy to set up a Christian state or appoint a Christian Prime Minister was sanctioned by UMNO to entrench UMNO's rural Malay support.

"DAP challenges MCA, Gerakan or SUPP Ministers to bring up in Cabinet and demand stern action against Utusan. Should they fail to do so, then MCA, Gerakan and SUPP are merely playing the UMNO double-faced political sandiwara of saying one thing to the non-Malay community in the Chinese papers but doing differently to the Malays in Utusan Malaysia." he said.

Copyright © 1999-2007 Mkini Dotcom Sdn. Bhd.

Source : <http://www.malaysianmirror.com/media-buzz-detail/6-nation/53277>