

**NGO To Fight For Truth And Justice Launched**  
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KUALA LUMPUR -- A new non-governmental organisation aimed at providing an avenue for the people to fight for truth and justice in tackling problems of corruption, cronyism and inter-racial disunity was launched, here, yesterday.

Named Angkatan Amanah Merdeka (Amanah), the organisation was launched by Gua Musang Member of Parliament Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah, who said an application had been submitted to the Registrar of Societies (ROS) to register the NGO.

"Amanah is not a political organisation but its vision is to bring about justice, fairness and development to all Malaysians irrespective of race and based on the spirit of the Federal Constitution," he said at the launch held at the Tunku Abdul Rahman Memorial.

Also present were former Minister of Information, Culture, Arts and Tourism Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir and president of the People's Welfare Party (KITA), Zaid Ibrahim.

Tengku Razaleigh said the pro-tem members of Amanah comprised well-known names from several political parties and social organisations in Malaysia led by him as the president.

"The six deputy presidents are Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir, former MCA president Ong Tee Keat, former MIC deputy president S. Subramaniam, Wilfred Bumburing, Bujang Ulis and Daniel Tajem," he said.

The seven vice-presidents are Mohd Azmi Razak, Simon Sipaun, Ragunath Kesavan, Mohd Lukhman Ghani, Ong Hock Siew, Dr Patau Rubis and Wan Saiful Wan Jan.

"As Malaysians, we should not be ignorant, passive and lenient towards corruption, cronyism and racism, and we have to act fast.

"Through Amanah, we will be able to preserve and improve on the social well-being, morals, culture, law and the country's constitution," he said.

Tengku Razaleigh said Amanah would realise its mission of combating corruption, cronyism, racism and extremism that could cause wastage of public funds or chaos in the country.

The annual membership fee is RM10 for ordinary members and RM100 for life members. It is open to all Malaysian citizens aged 18 and above and organisations registered with ROS.

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