

PAS Was Placating Anwar When Removing Hasan Ali
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MCA Youth does not in any way condone any of the outrageous remarks that sacked PAS member Dr Hasan Ali is known to advocate. Our party condemns his incite-steeped comments which provoke racial and religious tension which in recent weeks have deployed the Christian community as the convenient punching bag. Thankfully, Malaysians in general irrespective of religious background are rational and have not reacted against each other with verbal spitfire or physical intimidation as Hasan Ali's diatribe may have incurred.

1) Too many examples since 2008 but now only take action?

Since Pakatan wrestled Selangor in 2008 to last week, Hasan has made his objections against non-Malays and distrust against non-Muslims well-known.

a. As PAS Commissioner for Selangor, in 2008, he objected against the appointment of Loh Siew Moi as the acting general manager of PKNS and tried to ban the sale of alcohol.

b. In recent weeks, his support for the JAIS raid against DUMC, participation in Himpun, tirade against the solar powered talking Bible and accusations of proselytization have caused quiet unease.

Despite many occasions, PAS and the Pakatan Rakyat Exco did not see any urgency to initiate disciplinary proceedings despite the societal divisions Hasan's outburst created. The fact remains that Hasan was retained in the state Exco. This shows the apathy of PAS state office bearers along with PKR and DAP and the Selangor Menteri Besar who negate the concerns of non-Muslims.

2) Unilateral expulsion without hearing = too much despotic power contained there in

MCA Youth stresses that we are not defending nor speaking up for Hasan Ali over his sacking. Nevertheless, we do question the proviso in the PAS Constitution which allows the unilateral sacking of its members with immediate effect.

In the cause of natural justice, every defendant has a right to a hearing or trial. The PAS Syura Council should have hauled Hasan up before a disciplinary panel, and then come to a decision. There has been so much ample time to convene proceedings, but none were held.

Just like theocratic Islamic-state nations where absolute powers are vested in the top religious clerics, likewise in PAS, too much authoritarian rule is wielded by their top honchos. This is an unhealthy situation because if such policy is introduced at the state or national level, rights of ordinary Malaysians are severely diminished where guilt is presumed with the onus to disprove it rather than the practised innocent-until-proven-guilty.

3) Personality clash cause for expulsion, not anxieties of non-Muslims

The final straw which broke PAS back which also seems to be the more likely reason for his dismissal is his open declaration of being absent from today's 901 rally at the Jalan Duta Court Complex for Anwar Ibrahim's sodomy verdict.

This shows that Hasan's expulsion was based on personality differences with Anwar, instead of his constant targeting against the Christian community, which is more alarming as it can seriously damage the relationships between Malaysians who adhere to different faiths.

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