

## **Suspicion Against PM's Thaipusam Presence Shows Narrow-Mindedness**

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PAS should be criticized for calling on the National Fatwa Council to state its stand over our Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak attending Thaipusam celebrations at Batu Caves donning a traditional Kurta costume last week as reported in Malaysiakini (12 Feb 12).

This shows that PAS claims to be a moderate and progressive party is aimed at beguiling the non-Muslim community.

Not only does PAS want to ban Valentine's Day, they also want the government to prohibit all advertisements pertaining to Valentine's Day. This is proof that they aim to turn Malaysia into a theocratic state depriving the rights and welfare of the rakyat.

Prime Minister's presence exemplifies 1Malaysia spirit

The costume worn by the Prime Minister exemplifies the spirit of 1Malaysia. At the same time, Najib was trying to tell the people that he is a Prime Minister of all Malaysians.

It is regrettable that PAS Youth has viewed the Prime Minister's presence and costume in a myopic and narrow-minded manner. This further indicates that PAS does not respect the festivals of people who profess a faith different from PAS'. Malaysia is a multi-racial, multi-religious country. PAS felt that it is wrong for the Prime Minister to attend the festival celebration of the Hindu community.

Does this mean that as a Prime Minister, Najib may not attend any such function or activity in the future? What PAS did was none other than segregate the rakyat. They do not deserve public support at all.

DAP & PKR – state your stand

I urge both DAP and PKR to make your stand clear to all. I wonder if both parties support PAS' position? If they did not, they would have immediately objected to PAS' call from the very first moment and not timidly hide away by allowing the situation to fester from bad to worse.

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