

# 'NO TOLERANCE FOR RELIGIOUS MOCKERY'

**PM says anyone who insults any religion will face legal action**

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**P**RIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has dismissed claims of bias in law enforcement, insisting all cases of religious mockery are investigated and prosecuted.

"Anyone who insults any religion in Malaysia will be investigated and face action," said his senior press secretary, Tunku Nashrul Abaidah, during the Prime Minister's Office daily briefing yesterday.

He denied claims that the government remained silent when Islam was targeted.

Nashrul pointed to past cases, including a company and supplier fined RM60,000 each for mocking the word "Allah" on socks, while a man who insulted the term was fined RM12,000 and jailed six months.

Other cases include a roasted corn vendor fined RM400 for a racist notice, and comedians Harith Iskander and Cecelia Yap, who were each fined RM10,000.

"As seen in these cases, all incidents were investigated, prosecuted and punished. Every reported case follows legal procedures," he said.

He urged all parties not to exploit religious issues to incite racial sentiments or spread hatred, stating that such actions could disrupt unity.

"This serves as a firm message to Malaysians: stop mocking any religion, culture or ethnicity.

"Do not let minor issues disrupt the strength and uniqueness of our nation, especially as Malaysia continues to grow and progress."

Meanwhile, Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Razarudin Husain said those inciting hate or stirring racial and religious sentiments would face action.

He said he has observed a surge in racially offensive comments on social media.

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and certain religious matters are played up.

"We will take action using all laws," he told the *New Straits Times*.

Razarudin called for cooler heads to prevail, telling all parties to stop touching on issues that could cause disharmony, disunity and tensions to rise.

"We do not want these issues to threaten national security and public order."

Earlier, Unity Minister Datuk Aaron Ago Dagang called for action against several individuals, including preacher Zamri Vinoth, for allegedly spreading negative content related to 3R issues on social media.

He called on the police and the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission to take action against them.

"I wish to stress that the actions

of several Netizens — who spread provocative and insulting statements, demeaned other religions and touched on 3R sensitivities — are unacceptable.

"I ask the police and the MCMC to act against those who disseminate irresponsible content.

"Strict action must be taken to ensure that the safety and harmony of the community is preserved."

Aaron said it was everyone's responsibility to ensure that the virtual space was used wisely and did not create divisions in society.

"Insulting other religions and racial sensitivities are a threat to peace and harmony.

"Provocative actions that do not respect the feelings of other religions and races can damage the harmony of our country," he added.