

Article 153 should be inclusive, otherwise it is 'bullying', says Christian leader
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SUBANG JAYA, Dec 24 — The Federal Constitution's Article 153 is akin to "bullying" if it only protects the rights of one group, top church leader Reverend Dr Eu Hong Seng said today.

The National Evangelical Christian Fellowship (NECF) chairman said the rights in any nation cannot be scrutinised in a vacuum.

"I think we need to talk about the rights of others as well under article 153.

"When we talk of rights of only one group, if I may suggest, that is bullying," he (picture) said at the Christian Federation of Malaysia (CFM) Christmas hi-tea here at the Full Gospel Tabernacle.

The annual event was attended by Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon, MCA's Loh Seng Kok, DAP's Hannah Yeoh, PKR's Chua Tian Chang, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and Datuk Seri Wan Azizah Wan Ismail.

The reverend said nation building must be collective and for it to work, it has to be inclusive of everybody's rights, including the East and West Malaysians, Indians, Chinese, Orang Asli, Malays, the Sikhs and indigenous people.

Eu pointed out that democracy used to mean elected representatives are there to serve the people.

"Today, Malaysian democracy means elected representatives can threaten the people and get away with it.

"This should not be so, and we, the people of the book, are not afraid to say so," Eu said.

The Christian leader had previously been outspoken about the controversy surrounding the raid on the Damansara Utama Methodist Church (DUMC) on August 3.

He had repeatedly stressed that there has not been any concrete proof of proselytisation, as claimed by certain quarters.

The contentious raid escalated religious conflict between Muslims and Christians in the country, with Malay newspapers highlighting allegations of Christians trying to convert Muslims through welfare work.

