

**Tsu Koon: Don't engage in war of words with 'extremists'**  
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SUBANG JAYA, Dec 24 — Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon warned today against engaging in a war of words with "extremists" although he did not specify who they were.

"You can reply once then ignore. Don't engage them in a war of words because that is what they want.

"If you look at the Malaysian society, most of us are all moderates from all races and religions," he told reporters at the Christian Federation of Malaysia (CFM) Christmas hi-tea here at the Full Gospel Tabernacle.

He said the media should not "give face and space" to the "extremists".

When asked to give specific examples of such "extremism", he declined to put forward any names.

"I just want to give a general statement because there are extremists in many areas but luckily they are very few in number.

"Those who makan cabai they rasa pedas (they will get a taste of their own medicine)," the minister in the prime minister's department said.

Koh pointed out that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak had said the moderates should take the centre stage by preaching the message of moderation.

"When you engage the negative side, you tend to get angry and then you end up heating up the situation.

"Let the voices of hatred be drowned by the messages of peace," the minister in charge of unity said.

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