

Najib can be charged for promoting KR1M products, says Pakatan
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 25 — Pakatan Rakyat (PR) lawmakers want Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak hauled to court for promoting his 1 Malaysia food products, some of which have failed to meet legal requirements.

The DAP's Bandar Kuching MP Chong Chieng Jen told a press conference here that under the Food Act 1983, any person found to be promoting the sale of any substandard food product would be liable to legal action.

He pointed out that Health Minister Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai had on Wednesday admitted that the 1 Malaysia oyster sauce sold at the government's thrift store Kedai Rakyat 1 Malaysia (KR1M) had failed legal requirements and had to be recalled.

"He said the oyster sauce contravened the regulations. And under the law, those who promote such products are liable for prosecution," Chong said.

He said section 17 of the Act states that if convicted, an individual is liable to a jail term of not more than three years or a fine or both.

"And who else has been promoting KR1M products if not for Najib and his entire Cabinet?" he said.

Chong referred to an article from English daily The Star as proof that Najib, along with his Cabinet ministers, has been openly promoting the 1 Malaysia products.

The June 23 article was on the launch of KR1M by Najib, accompanied by Domestic Trade, Co-operatives and Consumerism Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob, at the first such store in the Kelana Jaya LRT station.

Chong's colleague Tony Pua and PKR's Lembah Pantai MP Nurul Izzah Anwar, who were also present at the conference today, agreed that someone must be held responsible for the sale of such substandard products to Malaysians.

"Furthermore, this is carrying the government's 1 Malaysia brand," said Nurul Izzah.

"We urge Liow Tiong Lai to take immediate action against all those who have promoted these products, as the law allows this.

"We want the ministry to take action against Najib and all ministers involved," said Chong.

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