

Kit Siang dares PM to conduct polls amidst post-Umno general assembly tension
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 7 — Lim Kit Siang today challenged Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak to conduct a poll to determine the extent of possible racial tension that may have arisen following the recent Umno general assembly.

“I challenge Najib to conduct a public opinion poll whether he is perceived by Malaysians as speaking for 1 Malaysia and for all Malaysians ... Or just for Umno and in particular Umnoputras?” the DAP parliamentarian said in a press statement today, referring to Najib’s presidential address to delegates last Wednesday.

“Or have an opinion poll whether Deputy Prime Minister and Deputy Umno President Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin had not come across as an out-and-out extremist and racist in his speech to the joint general assemblies,” he added.

Lim pointed out that if the platform of race-baiting and religious hatred had been adopted in an opposition conference, the police and Special Branch would have hauled up opposition leaders and delegates for sedition.

“Why the immunity and impunity for Umno leaders and delegates?” he asked.

“Umno leaders are guilty of the heights of irresponsibility when they lead other Umno leaders in playing the 3R cards of race, religion and Malay rulers,” Lim said.

“Thinking and patriotic Malaysians ... are concerned when Umno leaders up the ante after the Umno general assembly in escalating the exploitation of the 3R race cards.”

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