

**Kit Siang says Malaysia regressing despite Najib's transformation plans**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 17 — Lim Kit Siang said today the country is backtracking instead of moving forward despite the long list of transformation plans rolled out by the Najib administration to become a developed nation.

The DAP parliamentary leader cited as examples the exclusion of Malaysian universities from the latest Times Higher Education (THE) 400 Top World University Ranking and the "undemocratic clampdown" on the July 9 Bersih 2.0 rally for fair, free and clean elections.

Another example was the continued "degradation instead of restoration" of independence, professionalism and integrity of key national institutions.

Lim (picture) also said the withholding of the Auditor-General's report was the "latest proof that Najib's government is not walking the talk of government and economic transformations".

"It is proof that the government is regressing instead of progressing despite all the talk of GTP, ETP and now PTP," he said during the debate on Budget 2012 in Parliament today.

The Ipoh Timor MP said if Budget 2012 was a transformational one, it would have affirmative policies based on meritocracy and needs, and open tenders for all government contracts.

There should also be special anti-corruption task forces in each state, starting with Sabah and Sarawak.

Lim also said the prime minister should also take immediate steps to restore public confidence in the independence and integrity in the judiciary, Attorney-General's office, the police, MACC and the Election Commission.

He said the government should also increase oil royalties to the states from 5 per cent to 20 per cent.

He added that the royalties for Sabah and Sarawak should go towards the welfare and well-being of the ordinary locals, and "not for the benefit of a handful of powerful people" in the two states.

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