

Human Rights Being Turned Into A New Religion, Warns Rais
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 10 (Bernama) -- Information, Communications and Culture Minister Datuk Seri Dr Rais Yatim warned that the Western concept of human rights could be seen to be taking root in the country and being turned into a new religion by some Malaysians.

He said the people including the Malays should be careful about this concept which is being championed in the West according to their own interpretation.

"When have these people (proponents of the concept) ever talked about Islam or culture? Never. As such, we Malays and other Malaysians must understand that human rights is not religion and that is why we need not follow everything they (proponents) tell us to do," he told reporters when met at the launching of "Che Det", a coffee-table book on former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, here Thursday.

Rais said Malaysians' freedom was protected by the country's constitution which took into consideration the local sensitivities and as such, it was not necessary for Malaysians to "ape the West".

He said Dr Mahathir had often reminded Malaysians that they need not blindly follow the West but carve a future of their own making.

Rais together with Dr Mahathir launched the book which is published by Bernama.

Only limited copies of the 414-page book which has 470 pictures are available.

The book which is sold at RM250 a copy can be ordered from Bernama beginning today (Nov 10) by e-mailing to images@bernama.com or calling 03-2696 2392 (Amarul Nakhim).

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