

Najib must step in and stop BN's rot, says Kit Siang
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KUALA LUMPUR, March 9 — DAP leader Lim Kit Siang today warned Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak to step in and stop Barisan Nasional's (BN) political discrimination from spreading or face debate in Parliament next week.

"For the past few days, Malaysians' sense of decency and propriety had been pulverised by a battery of blows which collectively signal that something is very rotten with the Najib administration,' the Ipoh Timor MP said in a statement today.

Lim (picture) listed a laundry list of high-profile cases to back what he termed examples of power abuses, corruption, cronyism, lack of accountability, blatant injustices and absence of good governance infecting the BN government since Najib took over office in April 2009.

Among them, the DAP adviser named Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin's point-blank denial of a RM2.2 billion highway deal to an engineering firm controlled by prominent Umno lawyer Datuk Hafarizam Harun and the wife of former Chief Justice Tun Zaki Azmi as reward for helping the BN take back Perak from the elected Pakatan Rakyat (PR) pact; the federal bail-out of former Malaysia Airlines chief executive Tan Sri Tajudin Ramli's epic multi-million ringgit losses; and a recent allegation by Frusis Lebi, 51, a disabled Sarawakian farmer, against the state government for stopping his monthly RM300 welfare aid and farming subsidies since end last year.

Lim added to the list the High Court's two-year delay to produce a 70-page grounds of judgment in the high-profile murder of Mongolian model Altantuya Shaariibuu; and the delay in charging the directors of the National Feedlot Corporation with criminal breach of trust over a national cattle farming project despite the police's recommendation.

He asked, "Will the voices of concern and outrage on all these issues felt and expressed by Malaysians be heard and heeded by the Prime Minister and the powers-that-be?"

The veteran lawmaker also urged Chief Justice, Tan Sri Ariffin Zakaria, to intervene in the Federal Court's sentence of the shoe-throwing imam, arguing that the penalty was excessive.

Yesterday, the Federal Court sentenced imam Hoslan Hussein to one year in jail for contempt, two weeks after the latter had flung a pair of shoes at a three-men Bench led by Chief Judge of Malaya Tan Sri Zulkifli Ahmad Makinuddin.