

Unchecked Racial Politics Would Erode Nation's Values
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NIBONG TEBAL, June 30 (Bernama) -- Racial politics would have a negative impact on the country if it is allowed to dominate the nation's structure and administration, commented Universiti Sains Malaysia, School of Social Sciences deputy dean Prof Madya Dr Sivamurugan Pandian.

He emphasised that if political parties focused only on their own ethnic interest without compromise or sacrifice, it could jeopardise the country's achievements.

"I agree with Tun Dr Mahathir that racial politics would be one of the important factors to influence the voting trend in the next general election," he told Bernama after the 1Malaysia Rapat Forum organised by the Special Affairs Department here Saturday.

He said political parties should be balanced in order to prevent such tendencies from destroying their own values and ideologies.

Political leaders should not be too caught up with certain personalities or agendas to the point of sidelining the society which preferred racial issues to be handled in a rational, practical and healthy manner, he added.

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