

**Desecrating Flag An Attack On Nation's Sovereignty - Raja Nazrin  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 11 (Bernama) -- The Raja Muda of Perak, Raja Dr Nazrin Shah on Thursday likened the act of desecrating the national flag, Jalur Gemilang, which is one of the national symbols, as an attack on the nation's sovereignty.

"Whatever our political or ideological differences, our national symbols belong to all citizens. By allowing these symbols to be trashed, we are opening ourselves up to a host of consequences, including the possibility of inflaming passions, inviting tit-for-tat retaliation and so forth.

"Hate and anger are some of the most powerful human emotions. When they take hold of society, they are difficult, and oftentimes impossible, to control.

"Our national symbols should therefore be placed above the political fray," he said at the launching of the "Brand Transformer" and Malaysia Brand Forum 2012, here, Thursday.

Raja Nazrin said thus, the act of desecrating a flag was more than one individual's statement of disrespect and criticism.

"The act is deliberately designed to insult what many others treasure and consider a source of pride and joy. Whatever one may think of the rights of individuals to express themselves, the larger consequences of their actions cannot and should not be ignored," he said.

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