

Censure Abdul Rahman for racist support of Ibrahim Ali, Guan Eng says
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The Cabinet will be seen as failing to represent all Malaysians if it does not haul up Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Abdul Rahman Dahlan for his racist and extremist support of Perkasa's Datuk Ibrahim Ali on his Bible-burning remarks.

The minister, in trying to defend Ibrahim, had said that the Perkasa chief's remarks were merely to correct the error of printing the said Bibles, and that burning them was the proper thing to do, just as Muslims burn copies of the Quran that have misprints.

DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng, however, was aghast.

"This is a shocking statement. How can it be proper for Ibrahim Ali to say that the threat to burn the Bibles was simply to correct the holy book?" Lim asked.

He also said it was not logical for Abdul Rahman to say that Ibrahim's urging to burn Bibles cannot be compared with the present case of the "bak kut teh" bloggers Alvin Tan and Vivian Lee for insulting Muslims.

Lim said that by failing to act against Ibrahim, it could be concluded that insults against non-Islamic religions were permitted.

Lim, while stating that DAP supported action to be taken against the two bloggers, questioned why Ibrahim was not similarly punished for threatening interfaith harmony.

"For Abdul Rahman to even state that Ibrahim Ali's threat to burn the Bible was normal, is a reflection that both of them share a twisted mind that is anti non-Muslim, which has clearly buried the prime minister's 1Malaysia concept," Lim said.

Lim also questioned why no action was taken against Perkasa's vice-president Datuk Zulkifli Nordin for his anti-Hindu statements.

"The important question now is whether the Cabinet will address such shocking remarks from a new minister from Sabah who has no respect for Christians and non-Muslims," Lim said.

DAP national publicity secretary Tony Pua labelled Abdul Rahman's statement as proof that there was no 1Malaysia, but only Malaysia for 1Race and 1Religion.

Pua said the MP's response as to why Ibrahim Ali's Bible burning threat cannot be compared with the present case against bloggers Alvin Tan and Vivian Lee for insulting Muslims "certainly takes the cake".

"No right-thinking Malaysian would believe the explanation that Ibrahim's fiery and emotional remark was just an innocent and virtuous attempt to "correct the error of printing" in the bibles. And even in the unlikely earth-shattering event that it was, that is no defence against the current Sedition Act," Pua pointed out.

He added that the clear double-standards in the Malaysian prosecution system proves the

hypocrisy of 1Malaysia.

"It also makes a mockery of our Federal Constitution which provides that all Malaysians are equal before the law," Pua added. - July 19, 2013

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