

Perkasa wants Umno Selangor leader as Transport Minister
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Putrajaya has been urged to immediately appoint a transport minister from among the Selangor Umno leaders as a sign of "respecting MCA's decision not to accept any government posts" following their dismal showing in GE13.

Malay rights-wing group Perkasa also pointed out that since it was the Malays who kept the Barisan Nasional in power, priority for the transport minister's position should go to a Malay.

"The majority of the Chinese voters rejected the MCA, so why bother if the party does not want that Cabinet position," Perkasa secretary-general Syed Hassan Syed Ali (pic) told The Malaysian Insider.

"We are not here to stifle the rights of other races in the Cabinet but if they (MCA) do not want it, why bother anymore?"

The transport minister post has been status quo for MCA but is currently being held by Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein, who is also the defence minister.

Before GE13, MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Chua Soi Lek declared that the MCA will not accept any governmental posts if it fared poorly in the polls.

The party was practically annihilated in the election, winning only seven parliamentary seats.

Following this, the party's presidential council endorsed the decision not to accept government posts but lately MCA members have called for the decision to be reversed, claiming that it was turning MCA into an irrelevant entity.

Syed Hassan also said that the awarding of mega projects to the Chinese has not gone down well with Bumiputera and Malay entrepreneurs as they were the ones who have continued to support the government and kept them in power until today.

"How much did any Malay entrepreneur get from the MRT project? The IT system that is being used in schools, worth more than RM5 billion, was also awarded to YTL; what is BN's gain from this?" Syed Hassan questioned.

"The government is worried that if these mega projects are not given to them, they would influence the Chinese voters not to vote for BN. Everything is given to them which has caused the Malay entrepreneurs to be hurt."

He called on the BN to evaluate the loyalty of the Chinese, whether or not they would want to vote the BN in the next general elections and start focusing only on Malay voters.

"Let us see if they would go back to voting for the BN in GE14. Just concentrate on the Malay and Bumiputera voters.

"The majority of Malays are still loyal to BN. We do not see a repeat of what happened before GE13.

"Fortunately, the Malays and Bumiputera from Sabah and Sarawak still believed in the BN," he went on.

The Bumiputera and Malay voters, Syed Hassan noted, will judge the BN government's next move for them and then decide whether they will continue to support BN or not.

"So wake up, Umno. Enough of giving to those who keep asking. Appoint a permanent transport minister from Umno," he added. - August 10, 2013.

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