

**Muslim group's Merdeka video says Shia teachings, Christianity are threats**  
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Islamic group Ikatan Muslimin Malaysia (ISMA) has produced a video clip for the National Day celebrations tomorrow, criticising several other groups they say are attempting to alter policies that favour Malays and Bumiputeras.

The video also listed the four main threats faced by Malaysia – liberal ideology, chauvinism, Christianity and deviant Shia teachings – all of which, the group said affected the majority Malay population and their identity.

"If the Malay people want to rise and fight back, they will be unable to do so if they don't know what are their identities," ISMA chief Abdullah Zaik Abdul Rahman said in the video and a statement released in Kuala Lumpur today.

The activist who once studied at the Al-Azhar University in Egypt also touched on national issues such as the social contract and Islam's position as Malaysia's official religion.

In the statement, video producer Dr Kamil Azmi Tohiran said these issues had been highlighted as a sign to certain parties to respect the Federal Constitution, especially on matters relating to Islam and the Malays.

ISMA also named human rights group Suaram and Chinese education group Dong Zong for demands and controversies that they said conflicted with national policy.

For example, they criticised Suaram for demanding government university UiTM's policy of being open only to Malays and Bumiputeras be studied again.

Abdullah Zaik also called for Malays to develop their spiritual and religious selves in order to fight off the threats.

ISMA reporter Mohd Firdaus Salleh Hudin had a role to play in the video, capturing images at several key areas in Kuala Lumpur including the National Monument, Dataran Merdeka and the Kuala Lumpur City Centre towers.

The video also touched on current hot issues including the use of the word Allah, the demands of the United Chinese School Committees Association (Dong Zong) and the special rights of Malays.

ISMA fielded candidates in the 13th general election but all suffered severe losses along with their deposits.

Malaysia celebrates its 56th birthday tomorrow with the theme, "Malaysia Berdaulat, Tanah Tumpahnya Darahku". – August 30, 2013.

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