

Christians our brothers and sisters, says Ibrahim Ali
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Perkasa chief Datuk Ibrahim Ali today made a call to the Christian community not to misunderstand the opposition by some Muslims on the use of the word "Allah" by Christians.

At the steps of the Palace of Justice today, Ibrahim stressed that his Malay right wing group is not anti-Christian.

"We respect the Christians,we consider them our brothers. We are for a harmonious multi-religious Malaysia."

He stated, however, that when the Bible was published in the various languages in the past, the word Allah was never used.

"It is only when they published it in Bahasa Malaysia that they used the word Allah," he said.

He charged that the issue was politicised by the likes of DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng.

"On Christmas eve last year, he said that Christians should be allowed to use the word. He was trying to shore up support," Ibrahim alleged.

He also said that it was shameful that PAS president Datu Seri Abdul Hadi Awang had gone against the party's Shura council decision which ruled that the word was exclusive to Muslims.

"I hope the Christians don't get us wrong. We just have different beliefs. You are our brothers and sisters but please respect our religion," he said.

The Perkasa chief then told the crowd in front of the court complex to accept the court's decision.

"We do not want a situation that will cause any disharmony among the people of Malaysia," he said.

He also urged the media not to misreport the reasons why the Muslim non-governmental organisations were gathered here today.

"We are not enemies of Christians or any other religions," Ibrahim said. - October 14, 2013.

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