

Kit Siang : Najib must stop raids by Jais

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PETALING JAYA: DAP supremo Lim Kit Siang has urged Prime Minister Najib Razak to walk the talk and guarantee a stop to any further illegal raids by Islamic authorities on places of worship of other religions.

Najib Razak in two speeches on Christmas and New Year's Day has called for a moderate approach from the two Abrahamic religions to keep Malaysia peaceful and harmonious and not to offend each other.

"Najib Razak must act immediately to guarantee a stop to any further illegal raids by Islamic authorities on other religions or his Christmas and New Year messages will mean nothing and lose all credibility.

"Just 10 days ago he made two speeches, one in Kuala Lumpur and another in Penang. His message of moderation and co-existence have been thrown to the winds," he said, referring to the raid at the premises of Bible Society and seizure of copies of the Malay Bible.

The Gelang Patah MP said Najib had accused politicians for being irresponsible for stirring controversy for political gain and only seeking short-term fame at the expense of harmony.

Najib in his speech had said he always frowned upon such irresponsible conduct and trusted all citizens to view the conduct as nothing but a folly.

"But the raid by Jais and seizure of copies of the Malay and Iban versions of the Bible is the worst example of such 'irresponsible conduct' and 'folly' which calls for immediate action by the Prime Minister. He must do more than just frown," said Lim.

Yesterday, more than 20 personnel from the Selangor Islamic Religious Department (Jais) raided the society's premises in Damansara Kim .

Some 321 copies of the Alkitab, Iban Bible and Luke's Gospel were confiscated during the raid.

The chairman and office manager were later taken to the Damansara Utama police station to have their statement recorded.

The society's executive council member Nic Ng, said the premises were closed for stock taking when the enforcement officers arrived.

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