

Affirm 10-Point agreement, DAP to Najib

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PETALING JAYA: DAP national publicity secretary Tony Pua wants Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak to affirm the 10-Point agreement endorsed by his cabinet in 2011.

“The al-Kitab has been in existence for more than a hundred years in this country and there is no basis for the holy book to be banned by any authority, be it the federal or state government.

“Malaysians are bewildered that the Prime Minister has remained quiet as a church mouse on the recent controversy over the seizure of al-Kitabs by the state religious authorities.

“Why is it so difficult for Najib to affirm the 10-Point agreement endorsed by his cabinet and ensure that all states streamline their legislative enactments correspondingly?” asked Pua.

“His nonchalance on the issue will only allow the tensions and unease to spread and rise, particularly with conflicting statements issued by his own ministers,” said Pua.

Pua also added that Health Minister Dr S Subramaniam had assured the public that a decision has been arrived at, in the first Cabinet meeting of the year, on Wednesday.

But Minister in the PM’s department, Jamil Khir Baharom, almost immediately contradicted Subramaniam by claiming that the government will await the Federal Court’s decision on the matter, which may take months.

Najib announced the 10-point solution in the run up to the 2011 Sarawak elections which resolved that the Bible in all languages can be imported into the country, including Bahasa Malaysia/Indonesia.

Has Najib changed his mind?

The only condition was that the Al-Kitab in the Bahasa Malaysia/Indonesia version used in the peninsula must have the words ‘Christian Publication’ and the cross sign printed on the front covers.

“This condition has been duly complied with by the Church authorities,” said Pua.

He pointed out that even as late as Oct 21, during the 28th Congress of Parti Bersatu Sabah (PBS) last year, Najib announced that Putrajaya will honour its 10-point agreement made in 2011.

“The PM urged all groups not to politicise the issue and said that they were playing with fire

that could eventually burn them.

“When we have a problem, we have to solve it. It is not difficult. You do not have to know rocket science to find a formula for harmony. The solution is just rational thinking,” said Najib.

“So why is it so difficult for the cabinet to confirm that the government has no intention to dishonour the 10-point agreement,” asked Pua.

“Has Najib changed his mind so quickly within 12 weeks that he is now hesitating to reaffirm the 10-point agreement?”

“The Prime Minister’s standing in the eyes of global leaders will plummet should he fail to honour his word to Malaysians in the 10-Point agreement reached in 2011,” added Pua.

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