

**Najib must quit, has lost moral authority, says Hindraf chief**  
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Datuk Seri Najib Razak must resign as prime minister as he has failed to deliver his promises to poor Indians, Hindraf chairman P. Waytha Moorthy said today.

"He has lost all the moral authority to lead the country," said Waytha Moorthy, who quit as deputy minister last week.

He left a press conference without taking questions from reporters after reading from a prepared statement.

Hindraf deputy chairman V. Sambulingam told newsmen that another press conference would be held on Saturday where Waytha Moorthy would take questions from reporters.

He said Barisan Nasional component parties should be ashamed to be led by a leader who openly lied and deceived the public on a written contract he made to the Indian community.

"We move on and the struggle continues. The PM must understand he can cheat us, but he can never take away our honour and dignity," he told reporters in a packed room at an office in Brickfields.

Hindraf office bearers and members clad in their orange T-shirts were also present.

Waytha Moorthy said Najib had further lied to all Malaysians when he said that "I did not discuss with him on my resignation".

"I wish to state here that over the last eight months, I had at least 16 meetings with him at his office in Putrajaya. In each of these meetings, I kept pushing for the naming of a new unit which he promised I was going to head as well as the necessary budget that was agreed on," he added.

Waytha Moorthy said it was obvious that Najib was a weak leader who did not have the political will to make decisions and press on his civil servants to implement what was agreed.

He said the rest of the country must also see what Najib had effectively done.

"He is the chief executive of the country. He signs a major contract with a section of his people and then decided not to honour his promise.

"How much credibility has he then to continue as head of our nation... How much credibility does he have to be a role model to our children – be they Malay, Chinese, Indian, Orang Asal, the Sabah and Sarawak natives?

"Our country must do away with leaders like this. The prime minister must give way to more honourable leadership."

Waytha Moorthy yesterday made an unconditional apology to the community for not being able to fulfil the socio-economic programmes which it had pledged after signing a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with BN just before the 13th general election.

The ruling coalition then had promised to resolve the chronic socio-economic problems afflicting the community if BN was returned to power with Hindraf's support.

"I take full ownership for this failure. For the last eight months I had tried patiently to work with the PM to roll out the programmes agreed to in the agreement, but we have not been able to move even on one item in the MoU.

"I make no excuses for our failure; I take full ownership for the failure and its consequences," he had said in a statement.

In the press conference he said February 10 was a black day when it became clear that Najib would not honour the promises he made to the community.

Waytha Moorthy resigned as deputy minister on February 10 and senator the following day.

He was described as a "broken man" as a result of Putrajaya's failure to implement any of the pledges.

He also had a public spat with his brother, lawyer P. Uthayakumar, when he signed the MoU.

"Waytha hijacked Hindraf and pledged support to BN, which is against the founding principles of Hindraf," Uthayakumar, who was one of the five who served time under the Internal Security Act, had said at the time.

"Do not vote for BN. Whether they want to vote for Pakatan Rakyat (PR) is up to them, but Hindraf will not take responsibility for Pakatan's non-delivery if they get to Putrajaya."

Uthayakumar is currently serving a 30-month jail sentence after he was found guilty of sedition last June.

The legality of Waytha Moorthy's appointment as senator, along with four others who were made minister and deputy ministers, was also questioned.

However, the High Court ruled that the appointments of Datuk Seri Abdul Wahid Omar and Datuk Paul Low Seng Kuan as ministers in the Prime Minister's Department, and deputy ministers Waytha Moorthy, Dr Loga Balan Mohan Jaganathan and Ahmad Bashah Hani were constitutional.

In August last year, Waytha Moorthy had come under fire when he alleged that five Indian criminals in Penang were shot "execution-style" by police.

Waytha Moorthy was admonished by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak and cabinet members Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi and Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein and told to toe the line. – February 18, 2014.

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