

Waytha resignation shows Barisan had no intention of helping Indians, says Anwar

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P. Waytha Moorthy's resignation from the cabinet is proof that the Barisan Nasional-led federal government never had any intention of helping the Indian community, says the opposition leader.

Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said the MoU between pressure group Hindu Rights Action Front (Hindraf) and BN before the 13th general election last year was only a gimmick.

BN was never sincere about solving the socio-economic problems of the community, said Anwar.

"We welcome his resignation and it is hoped that he will now truly work for the people and the poor," Anwar said today at the Centre for Reform, Democracy and Social Initiatives in Puchong today.

Waytha, who is also Hindraf chairman, will resign from his cabinet post tomorrow after eight months with the Najib administration.

It was reported that Waytha had been dejected with the unwillingness of the Najib government to tackle chronic problems in the Indian community, such as poverty, youth crime and a lack of educational opportunities.

Hindraf had signed the MoU with BN before the elections where the coalition promised to tackle the community's problems if it was returned to power with Hindraf's help.

This was several years after the BN administration jailed the group's leaders for leading a much publicised mass protest in the heart of Kuala Lumpur to uplift the plight of poor Indian Malaysians.

After the 13th general election, Waytha joined the cabinet in a widely criticised move. – February 9, 2014.

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