

MCA should give Najib an ultimatum on hudud, says DAP
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MCA leaders should give Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak an ultimatum to reject hudud or the Chinese party will reject all Cabinet positions, a DAP lawmaker said.

Gelang Patah MP Lim Kit Siang told a press conference in Batu Pahat today that MCA has plummeted to new depths since its humiliating performance in the 13th general election.

"First, MCA said it would not contest in the Bukit Gelugor by-election because the party wanted to focus on the hudud issue," he said.

"Today, PAS announced that it will postpone the tabling of a special member's bill in Parliament on the implementation of hudud in Kelantan.

"Since MCA's sole excuse for not contesting in Bukit Gelugor has been removed so fast, what is the Chinese party's next move?" Lim asked.

He said if MCA was intent on defending the Federal Constitution, and not just looking to mislead the public, the party leaders should have a pow-wow with Najib.

"Make it crystal clear, MCA leaders will reject any Cabinet positions unless Najib retracts his unconstitutional announcement that Putrajaya would never reject hudud," Lim said.

He said Umno, MCA and Gerakan have constantly changed their stand on the implementation of hudud while putting on a great theatre play at the same time.

"On April 24, Najib announced that the Barisan Nasional-led Putrajaya had never rejected hudud," Lim pointed out.

"This is a clear betrayal of the Merdeka Constitution of 1957 and the Malaysian Constitution of 1963."

The stand of Malaysia's first three premiers, Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj, Tun Abdul Razak Hussein and Tun Hussein Onn, had been betrayed by Najib's announcement, Lim added.

"The founding fathers of MCA and MIC, luminaries such as Tun Tang Cheng Lock, Tun Tan Siew Sin and Tun V.T Sambanthan have had their legacies tarnished," he claimed.

He said Najib's announcement on April 24 had never been Barisan Nasional's policy or the Alliance's policy for the past half a century.

"As BN operates on the principle of consensus, the disagreement of any one of the 13 component parties in the alliance is sufficient to block such a policy change," he said.

Lim challenged MCA president Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai and his deputy Datuk Wee Ka Siong to explain why they had given their tacit support for the policy change.

"Can the two leaders please explain why they do not dare to requisition an emergency meeting of the BN Supreme Council?"

"Why are they not defending the secular basis of the Federal Constitution, even though there are more than enough votes to reject Najib's announcement?"

"Could it be because Liow and Wee are so eager for Cabinet positions?" Lim asked, adding Najib was dangling three ministerial and five deputy ministerial positions.

Lim pointed out that both DAP and PAS have not changed their respective stance on hudud, with PAS in favour and DAP opposing.

Earlier today, PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang issued a statement saying the Islamic party has decided to postpone the tabling of the private member's bill in Parliament.

Abdul Hadi said the party wanted the technical committee jointly formed by Putrajaya and the Kelantan state government to study the issue thoroughly first. – May 11, 2014.

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