

**Najib Recognises The Chinese's Contribution, So What Is Isma Talking About, Asks Dap Youth  
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Was Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak wrong when he acknowledged the contributions of the Malaysian Chinese?

This was the question posed by a Penang DAP Socialist Youth (Dapsy) leader in relation to the controversial "Chinese are trespassers" remark by Ikatan Muslimin Malaysia (Isma) president Abdullah Zaik Abdul Rahman.

Penang Dapsy secretary Soon Lip Chee said Najib himself had given recognition to the Chinese, acknowledging their entrepreneurial skills that are important to the nation's growth.

"Now, was the PM wrong and Isma's Abdullah Zaik right?" he asked today after Penang Dapsy chief and Tanjong MP Ng Wei Aik lodged a police report against the Isma leader at the northeast district police headquarters in George Town.

Najib had paid tribute to Chinese Malaysians in his 2014 Chinese New Year message.

In his speech on his 1Malaysia blog, Najib praised the Chinese community for their famed entrepreneurial skills and said their support is vital to Putrajaya's transformation programmes.

Former Dapsy vice-chief RSN Rayer, who is Seri Delima assemblyman, said Abdullah Zaik's remark was also unsettling to many Malays.

"Many are just as unhappy because it affects racial harmony," the lawyer said.

Bukit Bendera Dapsy chief Mohd Hariszuan Jaharudin said Abdullah Zaik's statement is an embarrassment to the Malays themselves.

Abdullah Zaik does not represent the views of the Malays when he made the offensive remark, he said.

"It is humiliating to us and it is very sad that something like this can be said just six years from Vision 2020.

"I think Vision 2020 and PM's 1Malaysia slogan have failed... the Attorney-General has failed too (in charging those who had allegedly made seditious remarks)," he said.

Penang PAS information exco member Mohd Faruk Abd Rahman said the remark was also slanderous.

"It is as if the Malays are so weak that the Chinese can easily bully them," he said.

Faruk said such remarks are being made to disrupt racial harmony because Barisan Nasional is no longer enjoying the support of Chinese voters.

Yesterday, Abdullah Zaik reportedly said in an article on Isma's website that the Chinese who came to Tanah Melayu were "trespassers" and questioned the citizenship and wealth given to them.

He said it was a mistake that had to be corrected. He also accused the Chinese of being cohorts with the British to oppress and bully the Malays. Abdullah Zaik's remarks have come on the heels of the hudud issue, which has been strongly opposed by non-Muslims like the predominantly Chinese party – the DAP, Gerakan and MCA.

He recently lashed out at non-Muslims fighting against the proposal to implement hudud laws, saying that they have forgotten themselves and that they have no business meddling in the affairs of Muslims.

"If they want to remain as citizens of this country, they must pledge loyalty to the King and accept the position of Islam as the official religion and the sovereign rights of Malays.

"Standing in the way of Malay ambition and denying Malays their right in determining the future of the nation is a challenge and an act of overstepping by a foreign race," he said.

Abdullah Zaik also hit out at DAP veteran parliamentarian Lim Kit Siang for saying that Isma is spreading "racial poison".

He said Lim's remark was groundless because the latter himself was causing disunity among the people by advocating a Malaysians' Malaysia and making the Chinese dissatisfied with what they have to the extent that they are

rising to make claims and demand more than what they have obtained all this while.

Ng said Abdullah Zaik's remark, which has been picked up by the media and widely circulated, can spark anti-Chinese sentiments.

He said the remark was malicious and it also questioned the Constitution that recognised the Chinese who remained and born in Malaya after Independence as Malaysians.

"His remark incites hatred against the Chinese. It also makes the Malaysian Chinese seem like criminals... likening us with the invaders from Sulu.

"We welcome Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar saying that Abdullah Zaik will be investigated for sedition," he said.

Ng said other DAP leaders will also lodge similar police reports against Abdullah Zaik.

"We hope the probe will be fair and conducted without prejudice, so there will be a positive outcome.

"We have lodged numerous reports about similar issues like a call to burn Malay-language Bibles before but they came to nothing... we hope this one will end in court," he added. – May 7, 2014.

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