

The greatest threat to Najib's 1Malaysia are groups like Isma, says DAP
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The greatest enemy to Datuk Seri Najib Razak's 1Malaysia policy are "cancer organisations" like Ikatan Muslimin Malaysia (Isma) which preaches politics of hate, intolerance, lies and racism, the DAP said today.

Its adviser Lim Kit Siang said Isma, which had launched an attack against the party over the defeat of its candidate Dyana Sofya Mohd Daud in Teluk Intan recently, is "panicking" as more Malaysians are turning away from it.

"They are panicking because they find their message of hatred, intolerance, lies and racism is facing a diminishing market. And Malaysians, regardless of race or religion, want to see a new Malaysia," he said in a statement today.

Isma earlier branded the DAP a "cancer of the nation", calling for it to be "cast out from the local political landscape.

Its political bureau secretary Hazizi Abdul Rahman said the Chinese dominated party had "failed to use a Malay as a mask to hide its chauvinism", referring to Dyana Sofya.

He also said that this was because the DAP's real struggle was to abolish the special rights of the Malays and the Bumiputera.

"This is an example of the 'Dyanaphobia' which has afflicted Isma and organisations which thrive on the politics of hate, intolerance, lies and racism because of the candidature of Dyana Sofya in the Teluk Intan by-election," Lim said.

He said the DAP's 48-year history has shown that the party is becoming increasingly relevant to the country, but extremists like Isma are facing the threat of extinction, adding that Dyana Sofya was not the first Malay candidate to be fielded by the DAP.

"Even before the first general election contested by the DAP in 1969, the party had fielded a Malay candidate Daing Ibrahim Othman in the Tampoi by-election in 1967," he said.

"In the 1969 GE, the DAP fielded nine Malay candidates and two won on its ticket – Ibrahim Singgeh who was elected as Tapah Road assemblyman and Hassan Ahmad who was Si Rusa assemblyman.

The DAP, he said, fielded a record 45 candidates for both parliamentary and state seats in 1978 general election while DAP Malay candidates achieved the best results in last year's GE.

"Zairil Khir Johari won the Bukit Bendera parliamentary seat in Penang, while Datuk Mohd Ariff Sabri and Tengku Zulpuri Shah Raja Puji won the Raub parliamentary seat and Mentakab state in Pahang respectively.

"The fear of Isma and such organisations is not that the DAP is anti-Malay but that we will find increasing acceptance among the Malay electorate because the DAP is never anti-Malay, anti-Islam, anti-Malay Rulers – the lies they keep disseminating to drive the Malays away from the DAP," he said. – June 4, 2014.

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