

Shahidan accused of mocking Najib

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The MIC and Makkal Sakthi today criticised Shahidan Kassim for mooted the idea of voting according to racial lines.

PETALING JAYA: Stop mocking Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak's 1Malaysia concept, MIC tells Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Shahidan Kassim.

In a statement today, MIC Youth chief C Sivaraajh criticised Shahidan for proposing that voters should be allowed to cast their ballots based on racial lines.

"Voting along racial line will not bode well for our nation. It does not help us at all and will send a wrong message to Malaysians at large," he said.

Yesterday, Shahidan told Parliament that he was alright with the 'one man, one vote' system, provided voters are allowed to vote for leaders in the same racial group.

"One vote does not reflect justice. One vote should take into account the economic background, the family...you can do it based on race," the Arau MP was reported saying.

Shahidan's statement received brickbats from Pakatan Rakyat MPs, with DAP national organising secretary Anthony Loke saying that the minister was oblivious on the 'one man' one vote' concept.

Sivaraajh said that Shahidan's statement does not reflect the government stand and urged leaders to be careful in giving statements.

"It is merely Shahidan's emotional outburst. I urge leaders to be more prudent when answering questions at the Parliament," he said.

MIC strategy director S Vell Paari laughed at Shahidan's statement, adding that one should not get angry with Shahidan's lack of intelligence.

"If everything goes according to racial lines, then we may need three menteri besars in every state, serving each community.

"We may even need three prime ministers. One for the Malays, one for Chinese and the other for Indians," he said.

Vell Paari said that while modern man are vying to travel to outer space, the likes of Shahidan are regressing in the natural evolutionary process.

“It is totally illogical. Shahidan should be more careful when giving out statements next time,” he said.

On related matter, Makkal Sakthi party president RS Thanenthiran said that Shahidan’s case was proof that one does not become intelligent by just having a doctorate degree.

“ The worth of a true politician is measured by his character and how he or she considers the sensitivities of all races before making a decision.

“As such, Shahidan should appreciate the plural society existing in Malaysia and respect the works done by our forefathers to maintain harmony in the country,” he said.

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