

Assurances by TPPA advocates should not remain as mere pledges, says Muslim Youth movement
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Muslim Youth Movement of Malaysia secretary-general Muhammad Faisal Abdul Aziz says the TPPA is more detrimental than beneficial.

KUALA LUMPUR, The Muslim Youth Movement of Malaysia (Abim) wants the government to be more open and responsive in addressing criticisms of the Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA), before signing it.

In a statement, the non-governmental organisation's secretary-general, Muhammad Faisal Abdul Aziz said the government must be transparent and forthcoming by revealing the details of the agreement to really convince the nation of a prosperous future and guarantee that national interests were secured by the TPPA.

"The assurances by advocates of the TPPA should not remain merely as general pledges or simply vague promises offered."

Labeling the agreement as a form of corporate colonisation, Muhammad Faisal said the multilateral arrangement was more detrimental than being beneficial, citing public protests against the TPPA in all of the 11 countries involved.

"Abim appeals to all those concerned to stand together united and on a common platform to fight and voice out for the masses, to highlight the worries and concerns of the negative consequences of the TPPA and to influence the government before the TPPA's final ratification."

Two days ago, it was reported that Malaysia concluded negotiations held in the United States on the TPPA.

International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed, however, said the nation would sign it once it reached a collective agreement.

Mustapa also said Malaysia had won several concessions from parties to the TPPA and assured that Malaysia would not be party to an agreement that undermined the government's policies for the people.

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