

**Najib 'bad Transformer', says Guan Eng after NSC bill passed**  
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Penang Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng has likened Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak to a "Decepticon", an antagonist character from the animated science fiction film Transformers, following the passing of the controversial National Security Council (NSC) Bill last night.

Calling the new bill an "attack on the people's basic rights and democracy", he said abolished laws, such as the Internal Security Act and the Emergency Ordinance, were now being revived in laws like Prevention of Terrorism Act (Pota), Security Offences (Special Measures) and the NSC.

"Najib used to talk about 1Malaysia when he started it. He doesn't any more.

"He also talked a lot of transformation. It is like the Transformers movie. We know there are the Autobots and the (antagonists) Decepticons. Najib will say he is like the Autobot but after Pota, Sosma and NSC, it is clear he is a Decepticon.

"He is not an Autobot, not the good Transformer. He is a Decepticon. So, there is no more transformation," he told a press conference today after closing the IoT Accelerator Lite programme at Wisma Yeap Chor Ee in Penang.

The NSC Bill gives the prime minister power to declare an area a security area and empower authorities, such as the army and police, to arrest anyone without a warrant.

The NSC consists of key members of the executive with the prime minister as chairman.

Other members are the deputy prime minister, defence minister, home minister, multimedia and communications minister, the government's chief secretary, the chief of the defence forces and the inspector-general of police.

"What guarantee will we have that the bill is not going to be used for political reasons?" asked Lim, also DAP secretary-general and Bagan MP.

The bill was also passed without consulting any state government.

He said it was an attack on states, not just Penang, but also Sabah and Sarawak, which were given certain rights for joining the Federation of Malaysia.

The authority of state governments, he said, was being eroded by the new powerful bill.

"The bill empowers the (federal government) to move people from one place to

another. It is frightening that such vast power can be given when there is no emergency situation.

“The state will have no say. There will be no check and balance. There will be no control. Everything under the prime minister.”

Last night, in a statement, president of the Malaysian Bar Steven Thiru called it an “insidious piece of legislation”.

He said the NSC was not an independent body and would essentially function at the dictates of the prime minister. – December 4, 2015.

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