

PAS tells Najib, Apandi, to act on rulers' recommendations on NSC Bill
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The prime minister and the attorney-general (A-G) must heed the Malay Rulers' call to refine the National Security Council (NSC) Bill which has been criticised for placing "emergency-like" powers in the hands of the executive, PAS deputy president Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man said.

He reminded A-G Tan Sri Apandi Ali of his statement that he would reevaluate certain sections of the bill, while Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak had said that he took heed of the recommendations by the Malay rulers.

"So we hope the PM and A-G do not use the silence tactic and conveniently forget about the recommendation by the Conference of Rulers," Tuan Ibrahim said in a statement today.

Last week, the Conference of Rulers' said some provisions in the NSC Bill should be refined.

The royal council said this after Apandi gave a briefing on the NSC Bill at the 240th meeting of the Conference of Rulers at Istana Negara.

The Bill, which was passed by the Dewan Rakyat on December 3 and the Dewan Negara on December 22, provides special powers to the operations director and security forces to control and coordinate national security operations.

PAS also requested that the rulers urge the A-G to reconsider his decision not to take any action over the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission's (MACC) investigations into the RM2.6 billion that went into the prime minister's personal account and into SRC International.

"This issue is still important as the questions demanded by the people remain unanswered, as to whether MACC has cleared the PM of any wrongdoing or whether the A-G himself made a different decision from that recommended by MACC in its probe.

"If MACC had recommended for the PM to be charged, what is the excuse of the A-G in deciding not to?" Tuan Ibrahim asked. – February 22, 2016.

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