

Najib passed six laws against Sarawak
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LETTER | To claim that Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak is “sincere” about returning autonomy to Sarawak, Chief Minister Abang Johari is either totally ignorant or trying to cover up for Najib’s wrong.

There are at least six laws passed in recent time with Najib as prime minister that constitute direct encroachment of Sarawak’s rights.

1. The Goods and Services Tax Act, 2014 (encroachment into Sarawak’s rights to Sales Tax).
2. The Tourism Tax Act, 2017 (encroachment into Sarawak’s tourism rights and also rights to Sales Tax).
3. The Territorial Sea Act 2012 (encroachment into Sarawak’s territorial rights by reducing Sarawak’s territorial rights from 200 nautical miles to a mere three nautical miles).
4. The National Security Council Act 2015 (encroachment of state’s democratic rights by giving the power to prime minister and a few Umno ministers to call for emergency rule in the state).
5. The Access to Biological Resources and Benefits Sharing Act, 2017 (encroaching on state's rights to forest resources) and the;
6. The Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Bill 2017 (encroachment into State’s rights to port management).

In addition, Najib has also caused great economic hardship to common Sarawakians with his international 1MDB scandal and terrible economic management resulting in the depreciation of the ringgit and the rise in our costs of living.

If Najib is true as claimed by Abang Johari to be sincere in returning state autonomy to Sarawak, he should return the 20 percent oil and gas royalties to the state before the 14th general election.

Without such rights to additional tax revenue, all talks on state autonomy are merely hot air. Ultimately, all implementation of powers and policies require money.

If the federal government controls the purse strings and the state has to beg the federal government for funds to implement development policies, then there is no true autonomy.

Abang Johari is not the late Adenan. While the late Adenan had the courage to stand up to Umno, Abang Johari submits completely to Umno and Najib.

For all the wrongs that Najib has done, Abang Johari even tries to persuade Sarawakians to accept and look up to Najib.

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