

# Dr Lim: No place for racial politics

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WHEN Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik retires as Gerakan president in April, he has one mission — to teach members how to bring down opportunists who play up racial politics.

“They (opportunists) don’t realise that what they say can cause rifts within the Barisan Nasional and between the different races in the country.”

He said in their haste to climb up the political ladder and become heroes of their own race, they have become opportunists.

“The country and the Barisan Nasional could do with less opportunists,” he told a Press conference, after delivering his last winding-up speech as party president at the national delegates conference yesterday.

He said, after 36 years in politics, he could spot opportunism a mile away.

“I don’t care who they are. They are not fit to become political leaders... not in Malaysia. Whatever they say, they take it out of context and this shows political opportunism,” he said.

Dr Lim, without naming names, said there were proper forums to bring up racial issues.

“But they (pick) the face of a Chinese Chief Minister and take pot shots at him which only shows low-level, no-standard politics by these people,” he said.