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PRESS STATEMENT

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We are gathered here today in Pitas, the poorest place in Malaysia, to Mamangkis. This is the war cry of our forefathers whenever the enemy comes into our midst and try to dispossess us of our birthright. But today as we Mamangkis, we plead to our Almighty God to intervene in the injustices that have been committed to our people the Anak Negeri in Sabah.

In particular, the religious extremist early this year in Pitas have used fraudulent means to deceive our innocent and illiterate brothers and sisters to unwittingly convert to Islam. Three months have passed since this shameful action. Despite police reports having been made against them, no concrete action has been made. This only led us to surmise that these extremist group may have enjoyed the support and protection of some powerful people. This unjust and fraudulent action has threaten the peace and religious harmony which have been enjoyed for so long in Sabah.

In Islam, a person wishing to convert into the religion must do so with the full knowledge and on his or her own free will. The so-called mass conversions by deception are, therefore, illegal.

Nevertheless, we demand these mass conversions by fraudulent means be nullified by the authorities without further delay. We cannot take on the "mighty" by ourselves. But we need not fear because in our Mamangkis today we appeal to our Almighty God. For the Lord said, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit" (Zech. 4:6).

These extremists took advantage of those among us who are illiterate and extremely poor to trick some of us into thinking that they were bringing welfare aid from the government for us. Some accepted the so-called welfare aid and were asked to sign a document. This is a trick. This document is now used against you as so-called proof that you have agreed to become Muslims.

At the same time we must reminds ourselves what was taught in Jeremiah 7:23: "Obey my voice, and I will be your God and you shall be my people, and walk in all the way that I command you". Therefore, let us not be blinded by the foolish and temporary gain in this world and the trickery of fraudulent men!

We know you have been tricked to convert to Islam. But you have continued to come to

confess, proclaim and worship Jesus Christ as the Son of God and your Lord and Saviour, which is evidence that you are still practicing Christians.

As we Mamangkis to defend our God given rights, we are also reminded to return to God in obedience to walk closely with our Lord Jesus. We need to set ourselves right before our God before we Mamangkis. We must in humility repent and return to our first love for the Lord Jesus Christ. In our prayers we must also remember our sincere Muslim brothers and sisters. We must prayer for them so that we may have peaceful and harmonious co-existence.

In our Mamangkis today let us plead to Almighty God so that the injustices will be put right. For instance, the Anak Negeri Sabah who have a bin or binti in their names are automatically listed as Muslims in their MyKad by the JPN or National Registration Department as a matter of policy. This is Putrajaya's MyKad Islamisation of Bumiputera Christians in Sabah.

Complaints have been made to JPN over the MyKad conversions and but the complainants were told to go to the Syariah court to get a declaration that they are not Muslims but Christians. To ask a Christian to appear before a syariah court is not only an insult but a gross violation of our fundamental right to the freedom of religion as guaranteed in the Federal Constitution and the 20-point agreement. But today we Mamangkis and appeal to the court of our Almighty God.

Our children are also in grave danger for the extremists with the government's knowledge and tacit consent to convert our children from as early as Taska and Tadika right up to residential schools and colleges through intimidation, deception or inducement.

Further, both the Sabah and Sarawak state governments have assured us that we can continue to use the word 'Allah' as this has been used for generations. But Putrajaya insists that this word is exclusive to Islam. Let us make it very clear that regardless of what Putrajaya or any earthly courts may say or do, we will continue to use the word 'Allah' as our forefathers have done before.

The Anak Negeri Sabah is not only a victim of political Islam but also race-based economic policies that have excluded and dispossessed Anak Negeri of their God-given rights. What used to be native land has been stolen from us and given over to non-natives. Today we are poor simply because we do not even have rights to our ancestral land. Illegal foreigners with illegal identity cards are now enjoying more rights and privileges than us the anak Negeri of this land.

Multitudes of foreigners have flooded into Sabah, who are mostly illegals and Muslims. This action has lead Islam to become the dominant religion in Sabah today. Again, we, the Anak Negeri, have been dispossessed in our own land and our significance have been seriously diluted! While our cry has not been heard by those in authority, today we Mamangkis and appeal to the court of our Almighty God for Him to hear our plight.

By the Grace of God, our bumiputera Christians leaders have risen up as our spokesmen and true shepherds. The Mamangkis movement is a visible expression of this. Mamangkis is an inter-denominational plea to our Almighty God and has also attracted strong support from our

brothers and sisters in Christ from Semenanjung. We are not alone, the people of God throughout the country are with us.

The Mamangkis movement is not only a wake-up call or a spiritual war cry, it is also a call to return to our God. It is a spiritual revival campaign that was only started last December. As we go from town to town and kampung to kampung to Mamangkis we also re-dedicate ourselves in holiness before our God by building altars of stone as reminders of the covenant we have with our Almighty God that we will be His people. We have Mamangkis in Penampang, Ranau, and Nabawan and its surrounding villages.

In conclusion, let us Mamangkis for freedom of religion. But in the end the battle belongs to the Lord. The victory too belongs to the God. So our Mamangkis is not only our war cry, it is also our victory song in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him alone belong the glory and majesty and our continual worship! AMEN.

Officiated by Rev. Jensey Mojuin.

This statement is issued by Perpaduan Anak Negeri (PAN) Sabah in conjunction with the "Mamangkis" celebration held at PCS Church Pitas, Sabah. For further information please contact PAN committee member George Mikil 0138608285