

## EXPLANATORY NOTES ON SENSITIVE ISSUES

1. In the context of national security, sensitive issues mean any issue that can cause prejudice, hatred, enmity or contempt between or towards any ethnic or religious group and can affect public safety, national security and/or the integrity of the Government and is generally connected with the following acts or behaviour:
  - 1.1. Questioning the implementation of certain government policies pertaining to economic development, education and social matters.
  - 1.2. Questioning the implementation of particular provisions in the Federal and State Constitutions pertaining to Federal Laws, the freedom of religion, the special position of the indigenous community (Bumiputera), citizenship and rights of the other communities.
  - 1.3. Regarding a racial or religious group as neglected or given preference in the implementation of a particular policy without providing the background or reasons that necessitate it.
  - 1.4. Promoting the success of one racial or religious group on the basis of the preference and facilities provided by the government to individuals or the ethnic group concerned.
  - 1.5. Questioning the authority, wisdom and abilities of a group in a particular area on an ethnic basis.
  - 1.6. Associating and blaming a racial or religious group as the cause of an incident.
  - 1.7. Publicising the name or the ethnic group involved.
  - 1.8. Publicising the details of an incident or violent happening that can arouse anger amongst those who read and/or hear about it.
  - 1.9. Publicising and displaying of photograph or sketch that shows the racial origin or religion of the parties involved in causing the incident.
  - 1.10. Conveying the impression that the authorities have failed or are unable to control the situation and are rude and unjust in the discharge of their duties.
  - 1.11. Exaggerating an incident or using rumours or information as the basis for reports that can cause panic or apprehension amongst the people.
  - 1.12. Exaggerating the weakness of the government to particular groups overseas with the intention of demeaning the integrity or eroding the confidence of the international community in the authority of the government.