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DEMONSTRATORS, TROUBLE MAKERS CAN NEVER BE BRAVE MALAYSIANS- PBB

KUCHING, Nov 21 (Bernama) --Head of PBB Youth Datuk Gramong Juna said today street demonstrators and people causing civil disorder can never be brave Malaysians.

In condemning aspects of the speech in which US Vice President Al Gore had praised street demonstrators as brave Malaysians, Gramong said it was gross arrogance and out of place.

Gore should have been a good guest and understood the sensitivities of the majority of Malaysians, he said in a statement.

He said PBB Youth stood strongly behind Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and behind Tan Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud.

In PORT DICKSON, MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said Malaysians' spontaneous response over the statement by the US Vice President Al-Gore showed that the people of Malaysia were united against outside interference.

The people's expression of unhappiness over Gore's statement reflected the strong spirit of patriotism among all Malaysians, he told reporters after opening the Lukut branch of the Mawar Haemodialysis Centre near Port Dickson.

However Dr Ling said Malaysians should not be upset with the United States as the remarks by Gore and President Bill Clinton's endorsement of the remarks did not reflect the attitude of all Americans.

"We are not against the United States but against the behaviour of its two leaders," he said.

In KANGAR, Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said the anger expressed by Malaysians of all races and political leanings against the speech by US Vice President Al Gore proved that the people honoured democratic practices.

The people spoke with one voice on this matter and this showed they did not want bloodshed and riots in Malaysia, he said.

He was speaking to reporters after attending a meet-the-people session at Padang Besar together with Perlis Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim.

Abdullah said because Malaysians valued freedom, peace and stability they were taken aback by Al Gore's action in supporting rioters and street demonstrators.

Abdullah said the democratic practices introduced by the Barisan Nasional could bring about new ideas and positive changes for the people.

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