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Don't take part in rallies, Negri MB advises public

SEREMBAN, Sat. - Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohamad Isa Abdul Samad has reminded the people not to be misled by reports urging them to participate in unsanctioned rallies.

He said these rallies were not only against the law but also posed a security threat.

He said Barisan Nasional component parties had also planned a large-scale rally but when the police did not issue a permit, it was cancelled.

"The people should think rationally and not spoil the harmony and unity achieved by the country all these years," he said, adding that it was not easy for the country to achieve the progress currently enjoyed by the people.

Mohamad Isa said the people should be cautious when they received leaflets inviting them to such illegal rallies organised by irresponsible quarters.

He said they should respect law and order while allowing the law to take its course if there was a dispute.

Meanwhile, he welcomed the appointment of Teluk Kemang Umno Youth head Shahrul Akram Othman as the acting State Umno Youth chief replacing Ruslan Kassim who was expelled from the party.

Mohamad Isa expressed confidence that the Umno Youth in the State would function effectively to strengthen the party and the BN to face the next general election.

Shahrul Akram, meanwhile, thanked acting Umno Youth chief Datuk Hishammuddin Hussein for his appointment.

He said the State youth wing would rally behind the leadership of party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Mohamad Isa, who is the State Umno chief, to steer the country to greater heights.

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