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## Parties deny role in demonstrations

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - Pas and Parti Keadilan Nasional today said that the street demonstrations here over the past few days may not be the work of their members.

Keadilan president Datin Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail said by raising Keadilan flags and wearing its badges, it did not mean that the rioters were supporters of the party.

"If the authorities are sure that Keadilan members were involved in the riots, it is their responsibility to prove the allegations," she said in a statement today.

In Alor Star, Pas president Datuk Fadzil Noor said the party had never incited its supporters to do anything against the law.

On Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement yesterday that some of the demonstrators were seen carrying opposition party flags, including that of Pas, Fadzil said: "Anyone could have carried the Pas flags, it could have been Umno supporters and even members of the Special Branch."

Fadzil said this when asked to comment on Press reports today which quoted Dr Mahathir as saying that Pas flags and supporters were seen during street demonstrations although the party denied its involvement.

In Kuala Terengganu, the 250,000-strong Peninsula Malay Students Federation (GPMS) today warned its members not to be involved in street protests.

Its secretary-general, Syed Anuar Syed Mohamad, said GPMS had never approved of its members protesting in the streets as it could jeopardise public safety.

"We are warning them that stern action, including expulsion, will be taken against GPMS members involved in street riots," he said.

Syed Anuar said dissatisfaction should be resolved through proper channels and not by getting emotional over it.

He was glad that so far none of the GPMS members was found to be involved in recent street protests.

While expressing regret over the involvement of students in such activities, he urged universities concerned to take stern action against those involved.

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