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THREATENING ADS NOT THE WAY TO CAMPAIGN - DAP

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 21 (Bernama) -- The DAP hopes political advertisements that threaten people and instill fear among them will not be used in future general election campaigns.

DAP secretary-general Kerk Kim Hock said the party could not accept the government's stand on the advertisements in support of the Barisan Nasional (BN) during last month's polls.

The government had said the advertisements which gave the impression that the May 13 incident would recur if the people voted for the opposition were aimed at reminding the people.

"The DAP could not accept this explanation because good motives must be the motivators of good actions, and not the apologies for bad actions," he said in the Dewan Rakyat.

Kerk, the MP for Kota Melaka, said the DAP's wish for the May 13 incident not to be brought up anymore was in line with a call made by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad while on a visit to Japan recently.

"Dr Mahathir, while he was there, had called on the people of China to forget the war between China and Japan as according to him tomorrow will be a better day if we can take off this burden," he said.

Kerk said the BN government had said before that it believed in the people's ability to differentiate between "diamond and glass".

"However, this is just idle talk because if they really hold to such a belief, they will not have resorted to dirty tactics and politics of threats and deception in the general election," he said.

Kerk said the BN should have focussed its campaign on explaining clearly to the people its policies and stances.

"Then let the people decide without being threatened," he said.

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