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USE ISA AGAINST CHONG THIAN TEIK, SAYS THAI COMMUNITY

JITRA, Sept 2 (Bernama) -- The Malaysian Thai Association has urged the government to use the Internal Security Act (ISA) against a PAS-sponsored speaker Chong Thian Teik for raising issues that can jeopardise racial harmony.

"People like him (Chong) should be subjected to ISA action because his acts can destroy the multiracial society who live in mutual respect," its president Senator Charern Intachat said today.

Speaking at a news conference at the Kubang Pasu Umno office here, Charern slammed PAS for using people like Chong to speak at its ceramah.

Present at the press conference was Tan Sri Osman Aroff, the Prime Minister's personal representative for the Kubang Pasu parliamentary constituency.

At a PAS ceramah in Jejawi, Perlis, last week, Chong was reported to have insulted Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and urged the Malays to support PAS because Umno was allegedly un-Islamic.

Chong, a Thai-speaking Chinese from Jejawi, also claimed that he was representing the Thai community in the country.

Charern said the Thai community had asked him to clarify that Chong was not in any way speaking on behalf of them.

The 60,000-strong Thai community in the country, many of whom are in Kedah, had been firmly supporting the Barisan Nasional (BN) since Merdeka and their stand had not changed, Charern said.

"In my meeting with the Thai community from throughout the country recently, they reaffirmed support for BN and promised to back Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah in Kelantan," he said.

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