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MAHATHIR TIPPED OFF ABOUT TROUBLE-MAKERS AT MALAY RALLY

PUTRAJAYA, Feb 3 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said he has received information that certain elements are out to take advantage to create trouble and stage demonstration at the Malay solidarity rally planned for tomorrow in Kuala Lumpur.

He said these trouble-makers would join the so-called " Takkan Melayu Hilang Di Dunia" open rally organised by a group calling itself "Badan Bertindak Melayu" or the Malay Action Body at Kampung Baru's Sultan Sulaiman Club.

"I hear that some other people also want to demonstrate and disturb this rally. I don't know whether it is true or otherwise," he said.

Dr Mahathir told reporters this after attending the wedding of V.Valluvan, an assistant director with the Malaysian Administrative Modernisation and Management Planning Unit, at the precinct 8 multi-purpose hall here today.

"Some people will join such open rally to create trouble, unfurl banners and the like, " said Dr Mahathir who described the group of trouble-makers as comprising those who often demonstrated against others pursuing a cause disagreeable to them.

Dr Mahathir said the police did not grant the organisers permit to hold the open rally at the club's ground to avoid untoward incidents but allowed it to be held indoors.

The organising body then decided instead to hold the rally tomorrow at the Merdeka Hall of the Putra World Trade Centre in Kuala Lumpur to discuss current Malay affairs.

Dr Mahathir, who is also Umno president, said Umno was not involved in the rally although some party members planned to take part.

"We discourage Umno members from taking part, but some still insist on participating and we cannot do anything about this," he added.

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