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PAK LAH LETS POLICE HANDLE EZAM OVER ALLEGED STATEMENT

KUALA LUMPUR, March 5 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said today he was leaving it to the police to take action against the alleged statement made by Keadilan Youth chief Mohd Ezam Mohd Noor, that the party planned to carry out a mammoth street demonstration to topple the government.

"This is a matter for police action, following the statement made by Ezam, the police will know what action to take and I will not interfere in this matter," he told reporters after launching a book titled "A Policeman's Story", here.

A newspaper yesterday quoted Mohd Ezam as saying that Keadilan planned to carry out street demonstrations daily but he denied that the demonstrations were meant to topple the government.

Abdullah, who is also Home Affairs Minister, said the alleged statement made by the Keadilan leader had ill intentions and threatened the nation's internal security.

"This is a threatening statement which can cause chaos and is meant to topple the government which was elected by the people in a democratic elections," he said.

When asked if the government will use the Internal Security Act, Abdullah said, "We are not considering the ISA now."

Yesterday, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said Keadilan was not bothered with safeguarding internal and social security and was willing to forsake stability and economic progress just to free Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

On the alleged street demonstrations to be organised by Keadilan, Abdullah said the government will not allow it to happen.

"We will not allow (the demonstration to take place), it's the duty of the police to prevent this," he said.

Earlier, speaking at the launching of the book authored by Datuk Mohd Pilus Yusoh, a former police officer, he said high ranking government officers either in the police, armed forces or in the public sector should write books that can be of inspiration to the younger generation.

Not only will books of such nature serve to inspire and make good reading material but films related to the armed forces and police can be instrumental in luring the younger generation to join the forces.

The 256 page book traces the experiences of Mohd Pilus since he joined the police force as a constable in 1936, until he retired in 1972 as Senior Assistant Commissioner.

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