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LING HITS OUT AT PAS FOR PRACTISING DIRTY POLITICS

KUALA LUMPUR, July 27 (Bernama) -- The MCA today blasted PAS for practising violent politics and trying to divide Malaysians based on their race and religion.

Party president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said that the MCA, the second largest party in the Barisan Nasional, through a panel of lawyers, was monitoring the actions of the opposition party and the fiery speeches of its leaders.

"They are just taking the rakyat for a ride using race and religion and we should not allow this to go on, action must be taken," he said in his winding-up speech at the 49th MCA annual general assembly, here.

He said that once the party's peace plan or formula was settled, it would go all out against PAS, which now controls Kelantan and Terengganu.

"As we know, PAS members were involved in the Kumpulan Militan Malaysia and the Al-Ma'unah movement. They are very prone to violence which is very bad for the country," he said.

Dr Ling was confident that the Malaysian Chinese community would reject PAS and its ideologies as the opposition party propagated violence and was intent on sowing the seeds of hatred in the hearts of the people towards BN leaders.

"Furthermore, PAS does not have an economic strategy. The only thing it knows is how to make people hate each other. The party has no economic direction, plan nor strategy. They only know how to become extreme in chasing power," he added.

On the AGM, he said it went smoothly and, among other things, the delegates endorsed the party's peace plan, suggested by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and modified by the MCA central committee.

"I will work hard to ensure the peace plan becomes a success," he added.

He said the delegates also spoke on the deteriorating party discipline, which he said would be ironed out in time.

"I will study all the ideas and find ways to instill discipline among party members," he said.

On the teaching of Science and Mathematics in English in schools, he said the party would conduct an in-depth study on the matter.

"We support the government's move to introduce (it) but we still feel we need to conduct an in-depth study on the matter," he added.

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