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Mahfuz: Pas not instigating people to demonstrate

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - Pas Youth chief Mahfuz Omar said his party is always prepared to accept responsibility for any demonstration it organised and thus, the question about the party instigating people to demonstrate, did not arise.

"Why do we have to hide behind others if we feel strongly against certain issues?

"It is not our style to instigate people to demonstrate, we will go to the streets if necessary," said the Pokok Sena Member of Parliament.

Mahfuz was commenting on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement yesterday that Pas was behind many demonstrations in the country.

The Prime Minister also said that acting Pas president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang accused Umno of being behind the recent demonstration by Terengganu fishermen and farmers but the fact was that the Government knew Pas had played a role in many past demonstrations.

Some 160 fishermen and farmers held a peaceful demonstration in front of Wisma Darul Iman, Kuala Terengganu, four days ago to protest the State Government's decision to increase the salaries and allowances of Menteri Besar and State Assemblymen.