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Parliament-Debate (KDN)

KDN ASKED TO PROBE PARTIES SUPPORTING CHIN PENG'S RETURN

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 27 (Bernama) -- Member of Parliament for Parit Sulong Datuk Ruhanie Ahmad today urged the Home Ministry (KDN) to investigate the DAP, Keadilan and the Parti Sosialis Malaysia (PSM) for endorsing the application by former head of the banned Communist Party of Malaya (CPM) Chin Peng to return to this country.

Taking part in the debate on the allocations for the ministry in the Budget for next year, Ruhanie said he was calling for the probe because all three parties were portraying themselves as the champion and spokesman for Chin Peng.

He said Parti Keadilan President Datin Seri Wan Azizah, her deputy Dr Syed Husin Ali along with DAP Chairman Lim Kit Siang and the PSM leader had made statements supporting Chin Peng's applicaiton to return to Malaysia.

"I am seeking an explanation from the KDN on their statements," he said.

Ruhanie said he wanted to know the real motive behind their support for the former CPM chief to return to Malaysia.

He said by their move, the three parties seemed to want to rekindle the bitter memories of the people to the atrocities committed by Chin Peng in this country.

"We all know about Chin Peng either from experience or from History...Malaysians of all races know that Chin Peng was responsible for killing hundreds of members of the security forces and ordinary people during the Emergency until 1960.

"Hence I am surprised that the DAP, Keadilan and PSM are championing Chin Peng's return to this country," he said.

Dr Tan Seng Giaw (DAP-Kepong) rose to defend his party's move in supporting Chin Peng's return and asked the KDN to clarify the statement by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad linking Chin Peng to terrorist organisations.

"I am seeking an explanation on the statement that involved Chin Peng with terrorist organisations in this country...probably there is proof that the 81-year-old Chin Peng still has a hand in terrorist activities and is it true that he is involved with Al-Qaeda, Jemaah Islamiyah or other organisaitons...if it is true then do not let him step into this country," he said.

Datuk Raja Ahmad Zainuddin Raja Omar (BN-Larut) told the House that lack of facilities at police stations in the country could affect the services rendered by the police force.

He hoped facilities at police stations and at police quarters would be upgraded so that the police force's image would be protected in the eyes of society.

To encourage young people of calibre to join the police force, Datuk Zulhasnan Rafique (BN-Wangsamaju) proposed the setting up of cadet wings and colleges along the lines of the Royal Military College (RMC).

Outstanding students from throughout the country could continue with their education from Form One at these special colleges, he said.

Zulhasnan also proposed the setting up of an integrated anti-terrorist unit involving selected units from the armed forces, PDRM, immigration and the Coast Guard to ensure the country's continued protection from global terrorism.

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