

Ibrahim Ali says communists behind Christian agenda
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Malay rights group Pertubuhan Pribumi Perkasa Malaysia (Perkasa) cautioned the authorities against the influence of communism seeping into political parties, civil society groups and religious associations as well as business entities.

Perkasa president Ibrahim Ali said today that his suspicions were based on a "string of subversive events" found in the public sphere lately.

"The Communist Party of Malaya (CPM) was disbanded... (the leader) Chin Peng can't enter the country but what happened to their followers, where are they?

"I believe these followers are still supporting the ideology and looking at recent upheavals, they have infiltrated political parties, NGOs and the community to cause tension resulting in chaos," said Ibrahim.

He insinuated that former CPM followers could be the ones fuelling racial discontent over a dubious conspiracy to change the country's official religion to Christianity, replacing Islam.

CPM was outlawed in 1989 and its leaders were banished to neighbouring South Thailand.

Ibrahim, who is also the Pasir Mas Independent MP, said the "public have forgotten" about the communists and urged the people to be more attentive to statements by certain quarters.

He added that "subversive elements and anti-national principles" in communism could be the force inciting racial and religious tension.

"If it's subversive, (I believe) it is the work of communists hiding behind certain organisations... to create disorder," he said.

Commies with Christian agenda?

Ibrahim was commenting on a report by Malay language daily Utusan Malaysia, that relied on blog postings by several pro-Umno bloggers, accusing DAP of plotting with pastors to make Christianity the country's official religion and so that a Christian can become prime minister.

The front-page report titled "Malaysia, negara Kristian?" (Malaysia, a Christian country?) has since earned the scorn of parties across the political divide.

The news report, that some have called malicious and irresponsible, had cited the bloggers laiming that Jelutong DAP MP Jeff Ooi had collaborated with Christian leaders in a secret meeting last week in Penang, to amend the country's constitution to allow leadership of a Christian prime minister.

Representative of the Christian community as well as Ooi have vehemently denied the reports and the bloggers' allegations