

Stop the seditious speeches now, PKR warns BN

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PKR has alleged two separate incidents of seditious speech against non-Malays in Perak, including one instance where the speaker was a civil servant.

Teja assemblyperson Chang Lih Kang (*right*) claimed that in the first incident, National Security Council (Perak) assistant secretary Abdul Rahim Abdul Karim had incited hatred against non-Malays in his opening speech at the Gopeng National Primary School Parent-Teacher Association's AGM on March 24.

"The Chinese and Indians were brought in by British colonists only as workers and they do not have the right to claim any privileges. Do not play with fire and do not challenge," he had allegedly said.

Chang, who is also a PKR central committee member, said five parents lodged a police report on the matter and the state education department was alerted, but no action has been taken to date.

He added that Abdul Rahim is also a speaker for the government-run Biro Tatanegara (BTN) programme, where he had allegedly made similar statements.

Chang told a press conference at Parliament lobby that in the second incident, Majlis Perunding Melayu (MPM) had held a talk themed 'Threats to Malays - 13th General Election' in Gopeng, Perak, on April 15.

He said only Malays were invited to the function where the chairperson of MPM politics and governance bureau Mohd Hilmi Ismail allegedly said that if Pakatan Rakyat wins the general election, they will invite Singapore to rejoin Malaysia.

"They will form 306 parliamentary constituencies, including Singapore, and the Chinese will rule this country.

"We will be crushed... even till the end of the world we will not be able to get our country back, because they all eat pigs," Mohd Hilmi had supposedly said.

Chang alleged that Mohd Hilmi, who is also president of Gagasan Melayu Perak, had offered to pay a RM250 fine for those who beat up DAP members, and RM500 per day for those who get locked up, because DAP members were *kurang ajar* (uncouth).

Reporters were shown purported copies of the five police reports against Abdul Rahim, the itinerary for MPM's ceramah, and a CD containing a one hour and twenty minute voice recording, which is said to be Mohd Hilmi's speech that day.

Chang urged the government to take stern action against both Mohd Hilmi and Abdul Rahim,

and failure to do so would validate the view that the government was playing a role in these programmes to divide the people.

“The closer the elections get, the worse the accusations between races.

"It is as if the flames of racism are deliberately fanned to gain support, and both civil servants and government-controlled media had played a big role in this," added PKR senator Syed Husin Ali (*left*), who was also at the press conference.

“I want Prime Minister (Najib Abdul Razak) to be responsible for this, because if he wants to, he can stop this,” he said.

Syed Husin said that although the instances involved Malaysian Malays making hate speeches against Malaysian Chinese, the reverse had also occurred and warned of racial riots if the issue is not addressed.

'My words twisted by opposition'

When contacted, Abdul Rahim told *Malaysiakini* that his words had been twisted by the opposition.

“I strongly deny it. These are just political games for certain purposes especially to face elections. Everything I had said are based on facts and things that had occurred in the past, as reported by newspapers or said by ministers,” he said.

He said he had indeed brought up that the Chinese and Indians were brought in as labourers, but purely in a historical context, and he did warn the audience “not to play with fire” because questioning the federal constitution would lead to chaos.

“About (non-Malays) having no right to get anything, they added it. I didn’t say it,” he said.

He also denied that he was ever involved in BTN, and said some of those lodging police reports against him were not even present at the meeting.

Abdul Rahim added that he had also lodged his own police report on the matter, and there are members of the audience who would attest to his denial.

Malaysiakini is attempting to contact MPM president Kamarudin Kachar for comment.