

DPM: Bersih 3.0 a precursor to post-GE chaos

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Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin supports a theory offered by former premier Dr Mahathir Mohamad, that Pakatan Rakyat would hold violent demonstrations should they lose the next general election.

In his speech today to launch the Kuala Lumpur BN machinery, Muhyiddin (right) also agreed with the former PM that the Bersih 3.0 rally was a precursor to post-election chaos blaming it on Pakatan Rakyat's "grand design".

He claimed that Bersih 3.0 was unnecessary, because the authorities had allegedly made various attempts to improve the electoral system.

"Why do they still organised Bersih 3.0 after all these? Maybe Mahathir is right, (the opposition) did not get the support as they expected, so they tried to paint a bad picture of the government.

"I believe this is a psychological warfare. They spread the allegations that our electoral system is not clean, instigate the rakyat, so that once we win they can declare the election as illegitimate.

"And they will mobilise the people to go to the street to topple the government, like what happened in the Middle East," he said.

Mahathir had first raised the issue in a blog post on May 4, where he postulated the Pakatan would organise Arab Spring style demonstrations to topple BN after the next general election, on grounds that the polls were rigged.

'They want to frighten the people'

Muhyiddin, who is the education minister, also described the past Bersih-organised rallies for clean and fair election as the early indications, or bunga-bunga, for more street violence.

"Maybe they want to show that they can (organise mass rallies). Maybe they want frighten the rakyat (and tell them), if you support BN, this is what they will do," he said.

Earlier in his addressing speech, Muhyiddin also challenged Pakatan to surrender the states they won to BN if they think the electoral system is marred by manipulations.

"If we know we manipulating the results, how can we even lose 13 out of 15 seats in federal territories?" he said mockingly in his 40-minute speech.

The Pagoh MP repeatedly reminded BN component parties to close rank and gear up to explain the BN government's policies to the people.

Describing the next general election as a "question of life and death", he also said BN cannot afford to lose because the future of this country is at stake.

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