

PKR: Ignore malicious SMS, attend rally tonight

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PKR director of strategy Rafizi Ramli has urged the people to ignore "malicious" text messages and to express their objection to electoral fraud by attending tonight's rally in Selangor.

Rafizi said the party has complied with provisions of the Peaceful Assembly Act 2012 as it has informed the police about the rally to be held at the Kelana Jaya stadium at 8.30pm.

NONE "To heed the call by (Inspector-General of Police) Ismail Omar, PKR through Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad (left), the Seri Setia assembly person, has officially informed the relevant police station," Rafizi said in a statement today.

"This is in line with normal practice as the rally will be held in private premises. The management and owner of the stadium have agreed to this.

"It also complies with the Peaceful Assembly Act - a permit is not needed for a rally, only the need to inform the police."

Rafizi urged all Malaysians to wear black and attend the rally to reject electoral fraud in Sunday's 13th general election.

He will lodge a police report at the Tropicana police station at 3pm today on the "malicious" text messages being widely circulated.

"These urge the people, especially non-Malays, not to attend the rally 'as it will become an excuse for racial riots', as had taken place on May 13, 1969. I also denounce those who maliciously spread the text message to threaten the people," he said.

Please be sincere, Rafizi implores the police

Rafizi implored the police to handle the situation properly, sincerely and peacefully as what the force did with other peaceful demonstrations prior to this and which did not require a permit.

"I trust the sincerity and tactfulness of the police in handling the situation," the newly-elected MP for Pandan added.

PKR vice-president Tian Chua, who is also Batu MP, said at a press conference at the party headquarters in Tropicana, Petaling Jaya, that the stadium could hold 50,000 people and police should allow the peaceful gathering as it would be held in an enclosed area.

pkr kuala lumpur ceramah 110413 06 tian chua "There will not be any march. There will just be a gathering inside the stadium, where speeches will be made," Tian Chua said.

"I believe we will be fulfilling the requirements of the PAA by holding it indoors. This should not be a problem. The police should act professionally and not be subservient to the BN government and curb the gathering."

The gathering would be held as planned Tian Chua said, and that there would be no change of venue.

He described the various text messages sent out and Facebook postings suggesting a change of venue for the rally as incorrect and urged the people to gather at the Kelana Jaya stadium in big numbers.

Among the speakers are DAP adviser Lim Kit Siang, PAS deputy president Mohamad Sabu and PKR de facto leader Anwar Ibrahim, who will speak in public for the first time after the general election.

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