

**Perkasa: Kangkung furore can spark May 13 repeat**  
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Malay rights group Perkasa today claimed the furore over kangkung can result in a repeat of the May 13 racial riots if it continues to be played up.

Its information chief Muhammad Zahid Md Arip said the issue has become racial and is against Malaysia's multiracial society.

Many people, Zahid (right in photo) said, are seen as disrespecting Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak on this issue.

"The May 13th incident may repeat itself if people want it to happen again. If the kangkung issue goes too far, it is not impossible that it might," the Perkasa information chief reportedly said in a press conference today.

He was asked to comment on yesterday's protest by Umno and its allies with banners put up reading, 'Kerana mulut pemimpin DAP, 13 Mei 1969 terjadi. Mahu lagi ka?' (Because of DAP leaders, May 13, 1969 occurs. Do you want a repeat?)

The protest organised by Umno yesterday was in retaliation to the flash mob protest held by PKR Machang Bubuk assemblyperson Lee Khai Loon, for questioning Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak's 'kangkung' remarks.

Najib was ridiculed by the people for saying that "people did not thank the government when the prices of kangkung dropped".

'Ignore Anwar'

Zahid also wants the country's Foreign Ministry to reject opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim's demands of an explanation on why he was barred from entering Japan yesterday.

"No need to waste time checking on this. I am surprised he found fault with Wisma Putra when Wisma Putra does not have anything to do with immigration (issues). Anwar (right) went there without informing Wisma Putra," he was quoted to have said.

"(Only) when he is barred, (does) he try to contact Wisma Putra," added Zahid.

Zahid further said that this is not a big issue but that it was further exploited by Anwar.

This, he stressed, shows Japan does not need Anwar.

"Anwar sees this as an opportunity to get cheap publicity, and think he is great. This issue is not that big but Anwar had used it to his own benefit," said Zahid, who was notably once with PKR.

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