

Pakatan invites BN for 'avert May 13' meet

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The Pakatan Rakyat leadership council has offered an olive branch to Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak and the BN leadership for a summit meeting, said DAP veteran Lim Kit Siang.

He added that the meeting is to assure Malaysians that all actions would be taken by BN and Pakatan to ensure that there would not be another May 13 riot.

"If the BN and Pakatan coalitions are united to ensure that there would not be another May 13, who in Malaysia could conspire and create the conditions for another May 13?" he asked.

According to Lim, Pakatan's offer stems from its leaders' love and patriotism for Malaysia.

"Can we expect reciprocal love and patriotism from BN leaders to respond positively to the Pakatan overture?"

"Or is there no need even for the convening of the BN supreme council to decide on the Pakatan overture as it is enough for the prime minister himself or the Umno leadership to decide for the entire BN leadership?" he asked.

Lim also called on the police and authorities not to allow the "spiral of violence" to begin and continue which is the second stage of those who want to create the conditions for another May 13.

"The first stage of those who want another May 13 are speeches and threats of another May 13, most of which made by Umno leaders before the 13GE, specifically warning that there would be another racial riot if Umno is defeated and the Malay lose political power.

"This is a gross fallacy for the Malays will never lose political power even if Umno is defeated, for the Pakatan coalition of PKR, PAS and DAP is a formula which will ensure that there will be no loss of Malay political power.

"Another fallacy is to equate Umno rule with Malay power, when it is the Umno Baruputerias (a term most aptly coined by commentator Mariam Mokhtar) who

stand to benefit in Umno Baru rule and not Malay interests in general," he added.

Blank cheque for conspirators

The second stage of those who want to create the conditions for another May 13, Lim said, is to start and continue the "spiral of violence" - to translate from general threats in speeches and statements to physical action through demonstrations to incite racial and religious hatred.

"In the second stage to spark off the 'spiral of violence' to create the conditions for another May 13, the conspirators hoped to see a further destabilisation of the situation with the public losing confidence in the double-standard of the police and the authorities - as granting impunity and immunity to those responsible for demos which incite racial and religious hatred, conflict and tension while immediate police action are taken against those who do not incite racial or religious hatred, tension," he added.

An example in hand, Lim noted, is the case of PKR assemblyperson Lee Khai Loon who is hauled in by the police for investigation for criminal defamation while Umno leaders like Reezal Merican Naina Merican and Musa Sheikh Fadzir are treated with kid-gloves by the police although guilty of the most seditious offence in inciting racial and religious hatred, conflict and tension.

"Are Najib, the cabinet and police going to continue to give blank cheque for the irresponsible and reckless elements, many of them from Umno and its allies, who want to continue to incite racial and religious hatred, conflict and tension to destabilise the country so as to create the conditions for another May 13.

"Are Malaysian patriots and moderates who love unity peace, harmony, tolerance going to be cowed and intimidated by the traitors out to destroy plural society with their continued incitement of racial and religious hatred, conflict and tension so as to realise their objective of creating another May 13?" he added.