Najib tells Umno not to overreact over 'celaka'
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Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak has finally broken his silence after sustained violent protests by Umno Youth members, urging them not to overreact to a DAP assemblyperson's insult.

"I call upon all Umno members not to overreact by doing things against the law or deemed to be irresponsible," he said in a Facebook posting at 12.31am today.

Najib is currently on an overseas working trip and as of today is in Kazakhstan after a visit to Japan.

The premier urged his members not to sully the party's good name following three violent protests since Wednesday against DAP state assemblyperson RSN Rayer for calling Umno "celaka".

Rayer used the word when condemning Kepala Batas MP Reezal Merican Naina Merican and two other Umno leaders who joined a rally at Sunway Carnival Mall, Seberang Jaya, in January where DAP was accused of instigating the May 13, 1969 violence.

"Any reactions should be within the bounds of law and we must strive to continue the good image of our party, Let's take care of our party's good name," he said.

Najib also took Rayer to task for the latter's remark at last Tuesday's Penang assembly debate that sparked the series of protests.

"I strictly condemn the derogatory remarks made by the DAP member, which is totally unbecoming on his part.

"We may differ in our political opinions but being abusive is uncalled for. This type of action incites disharmony as after all, we are all Malaysians," he said.

Flying kick and eggs

On Wednesday, Penang Umno Youth stormed the Penang state assembly demanding that Rayer be handed over to them.

Then on Friday, Federal Territories Umno Youth protested outside the DAP headquarters in Kuala Lumpur tearing down its signage and threatening to burn down the building.

Yesterday, Pahang Umno Youth threw flying kicks and eggs at the Kuantan DAP office and

damaged its signboard by hitting it repeatedly with sticks.

Shortly before Friday's attack, Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin had on the same day had defended the protests as a "natural reaction" but stressed that Umno members had to comply with the rules.

Umno Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin also had to play fire fighter yesterday, having to privately apologise to DAP over the damage of its property, a day after reprimanding his members for storming the Penang state assembly.

"I have had a word with my boys and I told them to stand down and there is not to be anything (protest) anymore," he had said.

However, around the same time, Pahang Umno Youth were ripping apart the Kuantan DAP's office metal door.

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