

'Zahid's backing for red shirts has put police in a limbo'

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The police force is in a limbo as to whether to act or not against the red shirt protesters who are determined to flood the streets of Kuala Lumpur on Malaysia Day.

And it is all because of their boss' support for the pro-Umno gathering on Sept 16, DAP Tanjong MP Ng Wei Aik said today.

Ng said Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi has expressed support by saying Umno members are not banned from joining the event as it is their right to do so.

"The home minister said this, although deputy inspector-general of police Noor Rashid Ibrahim (photo) said the rally is prohibited for security reasons," Ng said.

Ng was accompanying state DAP Socialist Youth members who lodged a police report against the 'red shirts' at the Northeast District police headquarters on Jalan Pattani today when he spoke to reporters.

"Don't insult your own police force. Please respect them, for they are in a limbo now as to act or not against the protesters who threaten violence on that day," he added.

Ng said the rally would be different from the recent mammoth gathering organised by election reform movement Bersih on Aug 29 and 30.

Bersih has made several demands for free and clean elections, but also wants Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak to step down from his post to allow investigations into the 1MDB scandal and the mysterious RM2.6 billion donation deposited into his private bank accounts before the 2013 general elections.

"As this rally has the potential to cause racial tension, we hope the deputy prime minister does the right thing for all Malaysians," Ng said.

He was referring to the offensively racist posters that were found in Penang and Kuala Lumpur, including at the DAP's headquarters in Kuala Lumpur, which threaten violence against the Chinese community.

Meanwhile, newly minted state DAPSY chief Foo Yu Keong condemned the posters as "provocative and seditious in nature".

"It also incites hatred and will disrupta peace and harmony among races if the rally is allowed to proceed," Foo said.

He said the posters' slogan 'Cina turun Bersih - Sedralah mandi darah (Chinese going for Bersih - Be ready for a bloodbath)' has seditious elements.

"We urge the police to act according to the laws to maintain peace and order in the country," Foo added.

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