

Why support 'racist' Najib, Guan Eng asks MCA
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Penang Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng has questioned MCA's continued support for Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak despite disagreeing on the red shirts rally.

"MCA is playing another game of theatre by publicly opposing the racist red-shirt rally outside but still remaining in cabinet headed by Najib that endorsed the racist and extremist Sept 16 rally," he said in a statement today.

The DAP secretary-general then said MCA should instead throw their support behind axed former deputy prime minister Muhyiddin Yassin, who has vocally opposed the rally.

"Clearly Muhyiddin would be a better choice than Najib for MCA. Why then is MCA still supporting Najib and not Muhyiddin within BN?"

"The only conclusion of MCA's failure to switch support to Muhyiddin is the concern that MCA will lose their ministerial posts like Muhyiddin for speaking up the truth and seek to punish all those who steal, whether chickens or tens of billions of ringgit of public funds," Lim (photo) added.

Najib yesterday praised the red shirt Himpunan Rakyat Bersatu rally as peaceful and free from provocation.

Muhyiddin in contrast did not condone the protest or its motives, saying Malaysia Day should be celebrated by encouraging unity.

He also said racist activities were narrow-minded and incited fear.

Anti-Chinese remarks marred rally

MCA president Liow Tiong Lai (photo) had also called for action to be taken against those who uttered racist remarks or carried racist placards during the protest.

"The government must take all steps to curb racism and religious extremism," he said yesterday.

Anti-Chinese remarks had marred the rally held on Malaysia Day, by both protesters and leaders who spoke at the demonstration.

There was also a standoff between protesters and police in Petaling Street, when the red shirts insisted on marching through the iconic Chinese market.

The red shirts were protesting what they deemed to be insults to Malay pride by the allegedly Chinese-dominated Bersih 4 rally.

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