

**Perkasa to steer clear of DAP at anti-TPPA rally**  
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Perkasa is expecting an awkward moment at the anti-Trans-Pacific and Partnership Agreement (TPPA) protest this Saturday if DAP members turn up.

Perkasa chief Ibrahim Ali said today if DAP does indeed join the rally at Kuala Lumpur's Dataran Merdeka, his right-wing group will make it a point to keep away from the party's protesters.

"They will be on their own and we will be on our own, it's a huge field anyway.

"So DAP can sit on one end and I will sit at another end," he told a press conference in Kuala Lumpur today.

The rally is expected to bring together disparate groups who have long been opposed to one another but now find common ground against the TPPA.

Ibrahim said even though some political parties are participating in the rally, the anti-TPPA protest was an NGO initiative.

He likened the presence of DAP and other political parties as 'two separate rallies with the same objective'.

"So do not say that we (Perkasa) are aligned with them (these political parties).

"No, we are only the same on the terms of issues but the spirit of our struggle differs," he said.

Ibrahim took pains to emphasise that Perkasa was not associated with any of the political parties.

"DAP is a political party. PAS is also a political party. When we attend the rally, we don't want to be seen as having any relations with the opposition.

"The opposition always only have two issues. They are always opposing and also have a political interest," he said.

Political parties PSM, PAS and Amanah have already pledged to mobilise their members to attend the anti-TPPA rally.

PKR and DAP have yet to make an official announcement about their presence but are also likely to turn up due to their stance in opposing the trade agreement.

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