

Chua: Act against any form of racial extremism
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KUALA LUMPUR - MCA president Dr Chua Soi Lek wants the government to take firm action against any form of racial extremism in the country.

He said it should act against controversial rapper Wee Meng Chee, better known as Namewee, for posting a video on YouTube and condemning a Johor principal who allegedly made a racist statement recently.

Similar action should also be taken against the principal who allegedly uttered the racial remarks, if it was proven true, he said, according to Bernama.

Meanwhile, a news portal reported Tuesday that Wee presented himself at the Taman Tun Dr Ismail police station in connection with the probe into whether he committed sedition over the music video he reportedly posted on Youtube, and declared himself the personification of Najib Razak's 1Malaysia.

Wee arrived at the police station in a grey BMW accompanied by his lawyer at 9.20pm.

Earlie Tuesday, Johor Criminal Investigation Department chief Amer Awal told the news portal that there has been no plan yet to arrest Namewee.

"Not true, not true, we are still investigating his case," Amer was quoted as say by the news portal.

The MCA leader said Malaysians should not be distracted by Namewee and the principal over their behaviour, adding that unity in the country was supported by the majority of Malaysians.

"We should not allow them (racial remarks). I will support whatever action to be taken against them," he told reporters after attending the Merdeka celebrations at Stadium Putra here Tuesday.

This is the second time that Wee, 27, has found himself making the headlines. The first was in 2007, with his infamous distortion of the national anthem on YouTube music video while studying at a university in Taiwan.

Chua said the racism act was the work of a minority group, adding that Malaysians should have a common destiny, that is, to ensure the country was prosperous and peaceful.

Meanwhile, Umno information chief Ahmad Maslan told reporters in Kulaijaya, Johor, that the authorities should charge Namewee in court for inciting racial sentiments.

Ahmad, who is deputy minister in the Prime Minister's Department, described Namewee as being ignorant of the country's history.

"He should be taught a certain lesson and charged in court," he said, adding that the incident showed how important it was to strengthen history lesson in school.

"History should be taught in a more creative way, using multimedia and other tools," he said.

In Malacca, Chief Minister Mohd Ali Rustam called on the government to act on Wee, saying it was pointless to merely issue a warning.

"It seems that we are issuing too much warnings but taking less actions," he said after attending a reception for 265 people, aged between one and 53, who were born on National Day, Bernama reported.

Meanwhile, Puteri Umno chief Rosnah Abdul Rashid Shirlin said she had no interest in debating with Wee over the controversial video clip, saying the movement would not entertain requests by individuals who had no respect for their own country.

"My advice is this... as a member of the country's younger generation and as an individual who is enjoying the country's peace, he should not fan the fire of racial sentiments," she told a news conference after handing over Aidilfitri contributions in Shah Alam, according to Bernama.

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