

Commotion as Makkal Sakti party holds AGM
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KUALA LUMPUR - A commotion broke out at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) Sunday morning, when 30 people, claiming to be members of Malaysia Makkal Sakti Party, were prevented from participating in its annual general meeting.

The incident was triggered about 10.20am when supporters of A. Vathemurthy - who claimed to be the party's president - were not allowed to enter the PWTC's Dewan Tun Razak where the AGM was held.

The enraged supporters said they were eligible to take part in the meeting as they were valid party members.

One of them, S. Sanjay, who claimed to be the party vice-president, said they were also unhappy because they were not extended invitation to attend the AGM.

"As members, we should be allowed inside (Dewan Tun Razak). We even have our membership receipts...not everyone in the meeting is a delegate as there are even schoolchildren (at the meeting).

"We also did not receive any notice on the AGM for which, we should have been given two weeks notice.

"We only knew of the meeting through the Malaysia Nanban newspaper yesterday," he told *Bernama*.

Dang Wangi police chief Assistant Commissioner Zulkarnain Abdul Rahman said the police did not make any arrest as those involved in the commotion had dispersed without any untoward incident, following police orders.

Nevertheless, he said, the AGM went on smoothly.

Meanwhile, Barisan Nasional secretary-general Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor said the Malaysia Makkal Sakti Party could submit an official application to join the BN.

However, he said, it was up to Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak, who is also BN chairman, to consider the party's entry as a BN component.

It would only be considered after BN amended its constitution, Tengku Adnan said when officiating the party's second annual general meeting (AGM) at the Putra World Trade Centre here today.

About 1,500 delegates and members attended the AGM.

In July, the BN had announced it proposed to amend its constitution to enable the younger group, non-governmental organisations and political parties to join the coalition.

At a media conference later, Tengku Adnan said the resolutions agreed upon by the Umno General Assembly which ended Saturday, would be discussed by the party after the Galas state by-election in Kelantan, and Batu Sapi parliamentary by-election in Sabah, on Nov 4. -

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