

**Anwar Denies July 9 Rally Associated With Foreign Elements**  
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KLANG-- Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) advisor Anwar Ibrahim on Wednesday claimed that the rally planned for July 9 in Kuala Lumpur was not associated with foreign elements, communists or waging war against the Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

He said allegations to the effect were engineered to instill fear in the people to keep them away from the rally. The government has deemed the rally as illegal as the organiser did not get a police permit.

Anwar made reference to a police statement on the arrest of 31 Parti Sosialis Malaysia (PSM) activists for allegedly having material supporting communist ideology and claims by bloggers that the rally was supported by international non-governmental organisations backed by Zionist Jews.

On Saturday, Penang police arrested 31 PSM members, including Sungai Siput MP Dr Michael Jayakumar Devaraj, who were travelling in a bus, at the Sungai Dua toll plaza in Seberang Perai Utara.

Penang police deputy chief Abdul Rahim Jaafar had said that various materials seized by the police then seemed to indicate association with the communist ideology propagated by the outlawed Communist Party of Malaya (CPM).

Anwar said some people were associating the rally with communists and rebels, waging war against the Yang di-Pertuan Agong and foreign financing, and added that this was merely to divert attention.

"Firstly, we are seeking clean elections. Secondly, a peaceful assembly. So, allow the people to participate (in the rally)," he told reporters after delivering a speech at the "Economic Discourse: Integrity of Public Servants organised by the Selangor Economic Advisor's Office, here.

Meanwhile, Selangor Menteri Besar Abdul Khalid Ibrahim dismissed allegations that certain groups which supported the rally were trying to revive communist ideology in the country.

"The rally involves fighters for democracy and not communists. Communism is not democracy," he told reporters after chairing the weekly meeting of the state executive council in Shah Alam.

Abdul Khalid said the state government had allocated RM15,000 for the organiser of the rally to distribute leaflets explaining the reason for the gathering.

The police have said that they would not issue any permit for the rally and advised the organiser to cancel their plan, but the organiser remains adamant.

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