

Opposition Manipulating Scheduled Illegal Rally To Sidetrack Issues
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KUALA LUMPUR, July 2 (Bernama) -- Like a puppetmaster, Opposition parties are manipulating the organiser of an illegal rally scheduled for July 9, to divert public attention on issues faced by the parties.

MCA secretary-general Datuk Seri Kong Cho Ha said he was concerned that the scheduled rally might create instability and pose a security threat to the nation.

"(So) How did the Opposition manage to win so many seats in the last general election and capture four states if the election was (indeed) tainted and not fair?"

"We cannot condone any form of street demonstration that will create havoc," he said in a statement here Saturday.

He said the scheduled illegal gathering on July 9 was widely reported by the international media and this, in turn, had brought a bad impression on Malaysia.

Kong, who is also transport minister, said the public could evaluate the situation and judge for themselves if the Opposition parties were inconsistent in their claims as the street demonstration was all about politics and chaos.

"It is important for the silent majority, businesses and those in the transportation industry to speak up their mind. Many people in the Kuala Lumpur area had experienced the destructive effects of illegal rally before (in 2007).

"It is time for taxi, bus and lorry operators, petty traders, shop owners and owners of businesses to make a stand through various channels," he added.

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