

## **Reject Anwar's 'revolution', says Utusan Malaysia**

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KUALA LUMPUR, July 14 — Continuing its anti-Bersih tirade today, *Utusan Malaysia* told Malaysians to reject Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's "revolution" and ignore a spin-off campaign from last weekend's rally which calls on supporters to wear yellow every Saturday.

The Umno-owned daily front-paged an article titled "Reject Anwar's revolution" where it solicited the views of four retired top cops, including two former Inspectors-General of Police, to condemn Anwar's "revolution" comment on Malaysia to the Indonesian media.

Calling Anwar "pengkhianat negara (traitor to the country)", the paper wrote that many have rejected the opposition leader's purported attempt to instigate the people by claiming that Malaysia was on the verge of revolution.

"Anwar Ibrahim has been deemed a traitor to the country and stern action should be taken against him immediately," the paper wrote.

According to the article, former IGP Tan Sri Musa Hassan said that Anwar's statement clearly showed that the opposition leader wants to see his country in chaos. "The police and the government should not hesitate to take stern action against him," he was quoted as saying.

Other top cops, including former IGP Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Noor, former deputy IGP Tan Sri Samsuri Arshad and former Special Branch director Datuk Zulkifli Abdul Rahman were also quoted as condemning Anwar in the article.

In its editorial section, *Utusan Malaysia* praised the police as the "true heroes" of Saturday, despite widespread criticisms from the opposition, civil society groups and the foreign media that the police had used excessive force on protestors.

Thousands took to the capital's streets on Saturday to march for free and fair elections but chaos broke out close to midday when police in full riot gear moved to disperse the crowd by firing tear gas canisters and spraying jets of chemical-laced water on protestors.

"As sane-minded individuals, surely we can acknowledge that the true heroes were the police. Their persistence, hard work and patience in carrying out their duties saved the country from chaos on July 9," said Zulkiflee Bakar, the paper's editor.

In another editorial, *Utusan Malaysia* predicted that Bersih's spin-off "wear yellow every Saturday" campaign could hamper public safety.

"First it starts with one or two groups but if it is allowed to prolong for weeks, it may build a strength that could affect public safety.

"The authorities should move quickly to overcome Bersih's agendas, which are reaching a point where they should no longer be given face," the paper said.