

Anwar's Use Of Revolution
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KUALA LUMPUR, July 22 (Bernama) -- The July 9 illegal rally may be regarded a failure if the boast of the organisers that they can gather 100,000 participants is taken into consideration, political analysts said.

Because the rally was only attended by 6,000 people according to figures released by the police, observers regard opposition leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim as attempting a new scheme with his statement that Malaysia is nearing a revolution.

Political observer and analyst Prof Dr Ahmad Atory Hussain said revolution is a slogan used by Anwar to influence the people's perception and replace the government by other than democratic means.

He said that Anwar was making an irresponsible utterance while misrepresenting the Malaysian situation.

Universiti Teknologi Mara Dungun political science lecturer Che Hamdan Mohd Razali is concerned that Anwar was saying things that make people "uneasy and apprehensive."

Other observers declare themselves disturbed at what they see as Anwar's lust for power.

Senator Mohamed Ezam Mohamed Noor said: "Anwar seems to have lost his sanity because of his obsession with power. He appears ready to sell the country down the river to get power."

Che Hamdan said that Anwar should transfer that obsession to concern for the welfare of the people.

"When he should be cooperating to help the people to deal with such problems as price increases, he is making statements that heighten their anxiety, he said.

"No government is perfect, but creating chaos is not the way to change any government. We have elections for people and parties to vie for power in line with democratic practices," he said.

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