

**Abu Zahar Praises Tunku Aziz's Protest Against Violent Gathering**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, May 2 (Bernama) -- Dewan Negara president, Tan Sri Abu Zahar Ujang today praised DAP vice-chairman Senator Tunku Abdul Aziz Tunku Ibrahim who protested against the organising of a gathering at Dataran Merdeka, recently.

"I congratulate Tunku Aziz for showing sincerity, strong principle, loyalty to the constitution and adherence to the law," he said when beginning the Dewan Negara sitting, today.

On April 26, Tunku Abdul Aziz openly protested against the gathering as he was worried the event could turn violent.

He said, he would not protest against any peaceful gathering but, in principle, he protested against any action which would lead to any breach of the law.

He said, based on his experience, although demonstrations always started peacefully, in most cases they had a tendency to turn violent.

Last Saturday, a gathering organised by non-government organisations around Dataran Merdeka, here, turned violent, causing injuries to policemen and journalists, and destroyed public properties.

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