

**Government Committed To Preserving Democratic Society, Says Ongkili**  
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KOTA MARUDU, May 5 (Bernama) -- The Government is committed to preserving a society that is civil and values democracy and respects law and order, said Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Datuk Seri Dr Maximus Ongkili.

He said that democracy did not mean that society could disregard the law and let lawlessness rule.

Ongkili said the government regretted the untoward incidences of violence and unruliness during the Bersih 3.0 gathering in the city, especially when the organisers had called the planned gathering a peaceful one.

"The government cannot compromise on peace and rule of law, otherwise the government is just as guilty as those who decided to turn the gathering into an untoward incident by defying a Court order," he said at an event in Kampung Nolotan here to accept new membership from 305 people into Parti Bersatu Sabah, Saturday.

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