

**PAS Questions Edict On Illegal, Unruly Gatherings Because Of Narrow Politics –
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KUALA LUMPUR, May 10 (Bernama) -- PAS has disputed the fatwa (edict) that rules participating in gatherings or demonstrations that create chaos as haram (forbidden) because of its narrow political struggle, said the party's former vice-president, Datuk Mohd Nakhaie Ahmad.

He said PAS leaders' claim that the fatwa, issued by the National Fatwa Council on Islamic Religious Affairs recently, was one-sided and unjust was an opinion that was not based on knowledge and was in fact, misleading.

"To me, police statements and photographs taken (of the April 28 illegal gathering) are proof of the violence that took place. The police statements can be believed as they were at the scene and had carried out their duties professionally," he said, here, Thursday.

He said PAS leaders' take on the gathering, instead, could not be believed as they were politically bias.

"It's enough to view (the photos and video recordings) of the rioting at the gathering, no need to hear stories from the organisers," he said in response to PAS leaders' remark that the fatwa was made with one eye closed and without obtaining the views of the rally organisers.

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