

Majority Rejects Insolence Of Opposition Supporters
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 5 (Bernama) -- The act of trampling on a picture of the prime minister and flying a new flag, in place of the Malaysian flag, reflects the immaturity of opposition supporters and only intensifies the people's hatred against them.

The assistant administrator of the Kuala Muda land office in Kedah, Ahmad Fayadh Abdul Manap, said the incident should not have happened although the people held differing political views.

"The people must be aware that national leaders are chosen by them, through a system of democracy. As citizens, we should respect the leader and not treat our leader in that manner.

"On the issue of raising a different flag to replace the national flag, they must know the Malaysian flag is the symbol of our sovereignty to unite the people of different races in a nation," he told Bernama.

The incident involving the trampling of a picture of the prime minister and replacing the national flag occurred on the eve of the National Day celebrations in Kuala Lumpur last Thursday.

Nurhayati Zainudin, special education teacher at the Sekolah Kebangsaan Bandar Baru Seriting in Jempol, said as teacher, she regretted the acts of the errant individuals.

"Why step on the picture of the national leader when the people are happily celebrating Independence Day? The group has extremely low mentality and cannot think rationally.

"The nation has been independent for 55 years and we are living in harmony, irrespective of our political leanings...we should not resort to such immature approach," she said.

Bandar Tun Razak MCA division chairman Chiew Lian Keng described the political environment as worsening, with the new "trend of abuse and insult" by the opposition to garner votes in the coming general election.

"The act of trampling on a national leader's picture and changing the national flag is disrespectful and does not represent loyal citizens who love the country," he said.

He said the uncultured group in the gathering reflected the failure of the opposition to ensure their supporters were civilised and respected the constitution and laws of the country, as well as the elders.

Selangor Community Policing Association president Kuan Chee Heng said the insolent attitude of the assembly's participants showed the opposition supporters were fast losing their patriotism.

"Are they forgetting the country's history? How our forefathers had fought for the nation's independence? The destruction of harmony and unity is not easily rebuilt if we fail to protect it," he said.

Kuan believed the majority of the people understood the rude act was an agenda of the opposition which was out to create disturbance and damage the country's image.

"We will wait and see in the coming general election, the people are not blind. They will reject the insolence," he noted.

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