

BN wrote King's speech to solicit support, says Anwar
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PETALING JAYA, June 3 — The Yang di-Pertuan Agong's speech calling for the people to accept Election 2013's result came from the prime minister and his "desperate" Barisan Nasional (BN) government, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said today.

Anwar's comments come after Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah said last week that he wants the people of this country to accept the results of the 13th general election (GE13) which they themselves have determined.

"In 'menjunjung kasih' (honouring with love) His Royal Highness' speech ... the speech was the speech of a federal government which is desperate for support," Anwar (picture) told reporters here.

"You understand that the constitution provision of this country is that the King's speech is normally prepared by the Prime Minister's Department, cleared by the prime minister, submitted by the Prime Minister's Office, for the consideration of the King."

According to the de facto opposition leader, Pakatan Rakyat (PR) will even write a direct letter to the King if needed to explain the alleged electoral fraud in the last polls.

On Saturday, PKR had also stressed that the Black 505 rallies will go on to show the people's disapproval towards the Election Commission (EC), and are not meant as a sign of disrespect against the King.

"The reason why we gather is to state our dissatisfaction towards the EC's action, there is no intention to disrespect Your Highness," PKR's Datuk Johari Abdul had told The Malaysian Insider in a phone call.

"That is why every time we end our gatherings, we would sing 'Negaraku' to show our obedience and loyalty towards Your Highness," said the rally's programme director, referring to the national anthem.

On Friday night, Tuanku Abdul Halim said that any political change in the country must be done in a peaceful manner, through the ballot box guided by the principles of the supremacy of the Constitution and the rule of law.

"If there are differences of opinion, use the channels to resolve them as outlined in the Federal Constitution and the country's laws," Tuanku Abdul Halim said in conjunction with the official birthday of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong in his speech that was carried live by state channel RTM.

The King said: "The act of casting doubts on an institution that has been entrusted under the Federal Constitution to conduct the general elections in this country is very dangerous and might only cause a never-ending conflict.

"Don't we ever weaken and destroy our constitutional monarchy system, parliamentary democracy and federal philosophy which all this while have formed the basic ingredients for Malaysia's success."

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