

DAP calls Utusan, Umno Youth hypocrites, directs them to pursue Khairy over "communist ties"
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Umno Youth and Malay daily Utusan Malaysia were slammed as hypocrites and practicing double standards for failing to condemn Khairy Jamaludin for forging ties with communist parties said the DAP.

Secretary-general Lim Guan Eng said Khairy should have been hauled up after forging an alliance between Barisan Nasional Youth and the Communist Youth League of China (CYL).

"These organisations are stoking the fires of racism by questioning the approval of a Chinese-language film "The New Village" which they allege glorifies communism."

"On the other hand, the same organisations kept quiet when Malaysia established close diplomatic relationships with China, Cuba and Vietnam, all of whom practice the communist system.

"Both Umno Youth and Utusan Malaysia criticised 'The New Village' as twisting historical facts and encourages the public to glorify the Malayan Communist Party," Lim said in a statement today. Khairy is also the Umno Youth chief.

Lim said he did not want to comment on the film as he had not seen it but questioned why Utusan and Umno Youth remained silent when Youth and Sports Minister Khairy announced the setting up of a permanent secretariat in October 2009 to strengthen ties between Barisan Nasional Youth and the Communist Youth League of China.

"It is very clear that both Umno Youth and Utusan Malaysia are hypocrites who practice double standards.

"If both organisations are so worried about communists hiding under our beds, then they don't need to look far. Khairy should be directly in their sights," he said.

Lim said if both organisations felt strongly about communism, then "why did they not criticise former Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Rahim Noor for signing a peace agreement with the MCP?"

In December 1989, Rahim represented Malaysia to sign a pact with the Malayan Communist Party, which ended its armed struggle in the country.

The Home Ministry suspended the vernacular movie which was to premier on August 22 after Utusan, in a critical article by Awang Selamat, yesterday claimed it glorified communism.

The movie is centred on the Emergency in Malaya in 1949 and portrays the Parti Komunis Malaya (PKM) and the Malayan People's Anti-Japanese Army (MPAJA) as fighters for independence, said Awang Selamat.

It also showcases the actions of the British against the Chinese during the emergency. The film focuses on MPAJA, which was linked to the communist party, said Awang Selamat.

Awang Selamat, the moniker representing the paper's collective editorial voice, said another locally-made movie on nationalism, "Tanda Putera", on the events surrounding the May 13 riots, had triggered widespread criticisms after snippets of the movie were leaked online.

Lim said Umno Youth and Utusan were up to their old tricks of denying their own communist links, using dirty tactics to scare Malaysians about communist conspiracies and lies linking BN opponents and non-Malays to communists.

"Such tactics won't work anymore because the Malaysian people now yearn to live in the light and not in the dark. They want human dignity, integrity, freedom of information, truth, justice and democracy." - July 29, 2013.

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