

Syed Ali backs Ku Nan: No Umno members in Bersih rally
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The Cheras Umno chief says the 'false propaganda' was motivated by an evil intention.

PETALING JAYA: Cheras Umno chief Syed Ali Alhabshee today lent his support to Umno Secretary-General Tengku Adnan Mansor's statement that Umno members will not participate in this weekend's Bersih rally in Kuala Lumpur.

In a statement issued in his capacity as Secretary of Federal Territory Umno and Barisan Nasional, Syed Ali said Umno members were aware that the rally would not benefit anyone, "least of all" residents of the city.

He said he would "strongly reject" a claim from Bersih that Umno members would join the protest.

"It's a piece of propaganda that is false, baseless, and motivated by the evil intention to smear Umno members, specifically those from Kuala Lumpur," he said.

He alleged that the motive behind the rally was to instigate a rebellion that would result in the downfall of the government.

He said if Bersih really had a "clean intention," it would have obeyed the authorities' order to have the rally away from Dataran Merdeka, where there will be rehearsals for the National Day parade.

"Why can't the rally be in Selangor or Penang?" he asked.

Referring to PAS President Abdul Hadi Awang's advice to members of his party to stay away from the rally, Syed Ali said Hadi was trying to prevent his flock from being "fooled" by Bersih.

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