

## **Grasp how 'Red Shirt' support harms BN allies, MCA man tells PM**

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 21 — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak must understand that his overt support for the pro-Malay #Merah169 rally has consequences to Umno's allies in Barisan Nasional (BN), MCA's Datuk Seri Ti Lian Ker said today.

Urging the prime minister to be careful of how his actions are construed, the MCA central committee member also said that his party would never participate in activities viewed as "extreme."

"He (Najib) must be mindful of the impact to the component parties whatever his political posturing is.

"MCA is not going to be extreme or drastic as we may have to pay a costly price," he said when contacted, adding that MCA remained dedicated to moderation.

Thousands of red shirted people were bussed into the federal capital on September 16 that caused concern among traders in the city centre and ethnic Chinese business leaders.

The rally, said to be in support of Najib's leadership, was to counter last month's mammoth two-day Bersih 4 gathering calling for the prime minister's resignation.

During an event held by rally organisers Pesaka last week, Najib defended the protest as being peaceful and called it the result of alleged insults to the Malay community.

Ti, who is MCA's Religious Harmony Bureau chairman, today pressed Najib to specifically spell out the instances considered hurtful to the dignity of the Malays.

Citing how rumoured insults against the Malays prompted a riot outside the Low Yat Plaza shopping mall here in July, Ti said failure to provide clear examples may lead to the convenient vilification of non-Malay communities, particularly the Chinese.

"In the interest of justice and clarity, our Bureau proposes that an Act be drafted to spell out instances of hurting the Malays and all other races that will be an offence under the law," he said.

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