

Don't jeopardise BN ties with 'irresponsible' threats, Khairy tells MCA leader
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Umno's Khairy Jamaluddin (pic) told Pasir Gudang MCA Youth chief Cia Cow Hui to be mindful as his stand was putting MCA's commitment to the coalition into question.

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 22 – Umno Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin today reproached a junior MCA leader who cut ties with Datuk Seri Najib Razak, saying the person was endangering the entire Barisan Nasional (BN) with his “irresponsible” remark.

The youth and sports minister told Pasir Gudang MCA Youth chief Cia Cow Hui to be mindful that his stand was putting MCA's commitment to the coalition into question.

“MCA is a component party in BN for a long time and the sharing of power between races is something we have practised successfully all this while.

“That cooperation can be destroyed with an irresponsible individual like the MCA Pasir Gudang Youth (chief),” Khairy was quoted as saying in Malay daily *Sinar Harian* today.

Cia triggered controversy when he announced that the MCA Youth wing in Pasir Gudang was severing ties with Prime Minister and Umno president Najib over his expressed support for the #Merah169 rally.

Cia added yesterday that he would not support Najib until action was taken against #Merah169 protesters carrying banners that read “Hapuskan SJKC” which translates to “Get rid of SJKC” which is the Malay abbreviation for Chinese-medium schools.

“Clearly, this is a childish move of putting the party first and is feared to have bad intentions towards the country's leadership in the current condition as well as the geopolitical challenges we're facing,” Khairy said of Cia's remarks.

“I want MCA National Youth to carry out an internal investigation on the MCA Pasir Gudang Youth just as mentioned yesterday (the day before).”

Cia yesterday said he remains the MCA Youth chief in Pasir Gudang after the division met and accepted his reasons. It is unclear if the national leadership is considering action against him.

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.

Racially-tinged messages during the rally drew condemnation from non-Malay parties both from Barisan Nasional and the federal opposition, which lodged several reports over banners calling for the abolition of Chinese vernacular schools and carrying the phrase “Cina babi”, among others.

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.

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