

'Red shirt' rally leaders target Chinese, DAP
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The Himpunan Maruah Melayu, which was later renamed Himpunan Rakyat Bersatu, targeted the Chinese and DAP by those making speeches at the rally.

Perkasa president Datuk Ibrahim Ali fired the first salvo, blaming DAP for the racial discontent in the country, calling the secular party the "father of racism".

"We achieved independence because of the negotiations by the Conference of Rulers and the Malays who rejected the Malayan Union.

"We were not previously a multicultural community but through negotiations and tolerance, we accepted other races. We gave them citizenship. We gave them citizenship and we thought they would be thankful.

"But I do not blame the Chinese. The one that destroyed the country's unity is DAP, that was born from Singapore's PAP," Ibrahim said as the crowd responded with cheers and by blowing vuvuzelas.

DAP was formed by members of the ruling Singapore People's Action Party when the island state left Malaysia.

The speech of the right-wing group president was followed by a representative of Malay grassroots group "Tiga Line" – the Pertubuhan Kebajikan Islam dan Dakwah (Pekida).

"We don't want to be under other people. We don't want to be lackeys of other races," said its president, Jamaluddin Yusof.

Things became more heated when Umno politician Senator Datuk Megat Zulkarnain Omardin, who is also the son of Silat Lincah founder, the late Tan Sri Omardin Mauju, took the stage.

"With the kalimah La Ilaha Illallah, we won't allow this land to be colonised forever," Megat Zulkarnain said, while shouting "Hidup Melayu" in his speech.

Umno Tanjung Karang MP Datuk Seri Noh Omar wanted Putrajaya to bring back the Internal Security Act (ISA) in order to stop rallies, such as Bersih 4, which he claimed had insulted Malay leaders.

"We have manners, not like Bersih which insults Malay leaders. Today, we have a gathering that follows the Peaceful Assembly Act. That is why we ask for the ISA to be brought back."

"The groups there are the ones who are ill-mannered, ungrateful."

Earlier, a spokesman said the rally had achieved its target.

“I believe today’s rally has achieved its target. We have sold 400,000 red T-shirts and we believe at least 300,000 people came today.” – September 16, 2015.

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