

Pahang Harapan slams Pekan Umno for 'warning' Dr M
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Pahang Pakatan Harapan chief Fauzi Abdul Rahman has taken Pekan Umno to task for warning that there might be trouble in Pekan if Harapan chairperson Dr Mahathir Mohamad visits the area tomorrow.

"I don't see any reason why they are so alarmed by it. This is a free country.

"If you allow gangsterism to rule, then other parties can also find gangsters," Fauzi told *Malaysiakini*.

Fauzi believes that permission from the authorities has already been obtained by Pekan Harapan leaders to hold the event in Chini.

"If there is no permit then we won't be talking, we'll just be walking around," he said.

He is also confident that the police will be able to prevent any untoward incident from happening.

"I trust security to the police, the good care of the police. As far as I'm concerned, there is nothing to fear," he said.

Citing the country's democratic principles, Fauzi stressed the importance of listening to one another.

"If fighting is the way politics is about in Malaysia then we should forget about politics. We can start buying guns now.

"If we are not right, put us right. If we are right, then you put yourself right, that's what governance is all about. It's about the welfare of the people," he said.

'Many things'

Pekan Umno division committee member Abdul Rahim Yahya had told *Malaysiakini* that it was better for Mahathir's programme to be cancelled as there "will be fights".

Rahim said many youths in the area had approached him about Mahathir's visit and they were planning to do "many things".

"Even the police say it's better not to have the programme," he had claimed.

Rahim also alleged that no permission was obtained by the organisers to hold Mahathir's programme in the area.

He had also warned Mahathir that there was widespread dissatisfaction against him in Pekan.

Mahathir is expected to arrive at Chini tomorrow afternoon before going on a walkabout at an Orang Asli settlement.

He will also be speaking at a *ceramah* later in the night.

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