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# Dissent on assembly, a subtle rejection within opposition against Anwar – Analysts

KUALA LUMPUR: The actions of several Pakatan Rakyat leaders in disagreeing with the desire of pro-opposition groups to topple the Barisan Nasional (BN) government through street demonstrations and violence have indirectly rejected PKR de facto leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim say political analysts.

Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) Politics and International Studies lecturer Md Shukri Shuib said they did not agree with Anwar's action as well as certain leaders, for holding gatherings and protests in stadiums as an excuse for not recognising the results of the 13th general election which was clearly against the value and norms of democracy.

"The approach Anwar used is obsolete and is clearly against the practice of democracy in the country.

"Pakatan leaders have actually rejected Anwar, and they are gently indicating their protest against the leadership of Anwar by not getting involved with Anwar," he told Bernama.

It is generally known that street gatherings and anarchy approach are synonymous with Anwar since the Baling demonstration in 1974 and the demonstration is actually to cause harm and create disturbance to the bane of the people and country.

Md Shukri said Anwar's

action which is supported by several DAP leaders in organising the Blackout 505 assembly showed they do not agree with the system of democracy and do not respect the decision of the people in the GE13 which has been won by BN.

Describing the Blackout 505 Assembly as a symbol of anarchy demonstration, he said: "Anwar does not need to continue with this barbaric culture or robin hood democracy by stealing power from the government and later giving power to the people when the people themselves did not give him the power to do so".

On May 16, DAP national chairman Karpal Singh disagreed with the assembly as any plan to topple the government by using violence will only harm the country and

create disturbance and put the people in danger.

On the other hand, Karpal Singh called the groups concerned to use the proper channel to voice their dissatisfaction over results of the GE13.

The coalition of PKR, DAP and PAS have also held on to the principle of democracy and would not be involved in actions which could cause disturbance in the country.

On the other hand, Md Shukri said Anwar needed to be held responsible for Pakatan's losses in several states such as Perak and

Kedah, apart from focusing on developing the states won by the opposition.

At the same time, he said the opposition should also be responsible for breaking up the community today as they are fond of slandering and creating speculations which could cause chaos in the country.

"The opposition is the most effective agent in breaking up

the people as they are always playing up issues already enshrined in the country's constitution such as the special rights of the Malays, Islam as the official religion and Bahasa Melayu as the national language.

"The opposition have also abused the practice of democracy as an element to disunite the people who are free to voice to the extent of toppling the government," he said.

Meanwhile, Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) Long Distance Learning Centre's Political Science lecturer Prof Madya Dr Ahmad Fauzi Abdul Hamid said the act of toppling or attempting to bring down the government by violence is an act against the norm of Islamic politics.

He said even during the time of Muslim Caliphs, when the rule was considered cruel, no religious scholars resorted to toppling the government through violence.

"Such unseating is hated by

Islam and was not supported by any Sunnah wal-Jamaah members," he said.

Ahmad Fauzi also questioned Anwar's action in dragging the people to topple the government after being dissatisfied with GE13 results.

"Why the need to topple? Look at the trend of opposition coalition voters, it has been increasing since 2004, 2008 and 2013...the performance is getting better. So I believe there is no need to topple the government if they wished to win in the next five or 10 years.

"Anwar has a personal agenda of becoming Prime Minister. Due to his age, he cannot wait longer to achieve his ambition when other Pakatan leaders do not care if Anwar becomes Prime Minister as there are many young leaders in Pakatan," he said. - Bernama



Anwar