

Human rights movement like communism, says former IGP

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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 26 – The nation's former top cop has likened the rise of the human rights movement in Malaysia to communism, and said this would lead to the questioning of "accepted truths" like the social contract.

"Every century has its wave... and we cannot avoid being hit by this wave.

"Now, it's the human rights wave... Before that, it was the wave of Marxism, Socialism," former Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Mohd Noor said today.

He was speaking at the 2nd Perkasa general assembly at Dewan Centrum here today after officiating the event.

Calling the human rights movement a new religion, Rahim warned that civil liberties activists saw the US and UK as their spiritual home and drew parallels to how the Comintern had engineered the global spread of communism from its Moscow base.

"Now we see many things being questioned because of the human rights wave," he said.

"They question the self-evident [social contract], as though they're trivialising what was agreed upon."

He added that many leftist Malay leaders during the post-World War II period had been tricked into thinking the communists had their interests at heart but realised later that they were being used by "wolves in sheep's clothing".

Rahim is best remembered for giving former deputy prime minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim a black eye following the latter's arrest under sodomy charges in 1998.

Also present at the general assembly today was businessman Datuk Shazryl Eskay Abdullah, who was fined in June together with two others for screening an alleged sex video of Anwar.