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DAP CALLS FOR FAIR POLLS IN SABAH

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 18 (Bernama) -- DAP Secretary-General Lim Kit Siang today called on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to ensure a clean and fair campaigning not only in the imminent Sabah state election but also in the coming general election.

Lim claimed that police did not allow ADIL (social justice movement) leader Datin Seri Dr Wan Azizah Ismail to speak at a Chinese New Year gathering attended by about 3,000 people in Sabah yesterday although she was the guest of honour.

He asked whether police would impose a similar "gag order" on Dr Mahathir who visits Sabah today to begin a nation-wide tour.

In a statement, Lim said Malaysia was faced with a triple crisis -- political, economic and moral -- but not a racial crisis.

He said it was the duty of all political leaders, whether in the government or opposition, to steer away from the politics of race.

Lim was commenting on Dr Mahathir's statement in his Chinese New Year message that "certain groups within and outside the country are pitting the various races against each other so that riots would occur and development stopped."

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