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DAP backs move to review election laws

IPOH, Sat. - The DAP today supported the Government's move to review election laws in an effort to prevent sensitive issues from being exploited by candidates during election campaigns.

Party chairman Lim Kit Siang said: "I am sure all political parties will not want to raise such issues during an election period.

"For example, a candidate who raises the May 13 incident during campaigning should be automatically disqualified."

He also said if the country wanted to hold a fair, free and clean election, the electoral roll must be cleared of phantom voters.

"The Election Commission must give priority to overhauling the electoral roll in the next 12 months," he said after attending a religious ceremony to relocate the idol of Lord Krishna at the new Sri Krishna Temple at Buntong Lima today.

The temple and 53 other houses which were earlier located at Kampung Raja Di Hilir in Jalan Jelapang have moved to the present site in Buntong 5 after they were evicted to make way for a road expansion project.

Lim was commenting on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement yesterday that the Government was looking into amending election laws, including the raising of sensitive issues.

He said a public commission should be set up to obtain public feedback on this.

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