

# Apologise, US council tells Kit Siang

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WASHINGTON: The American Defence Council (ADC), a foreign/defence policy arm of the American Taxpayers Alliance, has demanded an apology from DAP chairman Lim Kit Siang for his "irresponsible attacks" on the council.

ADC executive director Dan Perrin, in a statement issued here on Wednesday,

demanded an apology from Lim "for his uninformed, baseless and wrongful accusations" about the organisation.

The two-year-old non-profit organisation promotes a strong national defence in the United States. It operates under the umbrella of the American Taxpayers Alliance which has a membership of about 10,000.

Bernama quoted Perrin as saying that a quick glance at the Internet would show that the alliance was an active player in American politics.

The ADC, in a special report issued to legislative aides of US Congressmen, had described Malaysia as Asia's most politically and democratically stable nation and warned against the danger

posed by PAS against Malaysian democracy.

Lim, in a series of statements in the past few days, accused Bernama, which reported on the ADC statement, of perpetrating the "biggest hoax" in Malaysian journalism unless it could prove ADC's existence.

"On why ADC wrote about

PAS, Perrin replied: "Genuine concern motivated the American Defence Council's article that warns against the variety of extremism."

However, Lim said the question of him apologising to the ADC did not arise.

The thrust of his queries to Bernama was whether it

had established the existence of the ADC and whether it was an influential American group, Lim said.

Lim said that Perrin should explain whether ADC was a bona fide American group, and if so, why its report on Malaysia was targeted more at the Malaysian audience instead of the Americans.