

**DAP leaps into 'pseudo-M'sian' battle**  
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DAP has rallied around secretary-general Lim Guan Eng who has come under fire from some quarters for his recent speech slamming "fake or pseudo" Malaysians.

Penang DAP secretary Ng Wei Aik (right) described 'pseudo Malaysians' as those who would betray the country and jeopardise its interests for their own benefit.

"Anyone who tries to manipulate Lim's speech into (meaning) that he is questioning the citizenship of anyone is completely irresponsible and should be rejected by all true Malaysians," said Ng, who is also Komtar assemblyperson.

Ng then turned the spotlight instead on BN and Umno-owned daily Utusan Malaysia.

"Just look at the awful slander and lies hurled by Utusan every day. Are these tactics to divide the people in line with the prime minister's 1Malaysia concept? Is Utusan's existence to unite the people?" asked Ng in a statement today.

Reserving the worst of the vitriol for the daily which has crossed swords with the party, Ng questioned the newspaper for lambasting Lim (left), who is Penang chief minister.

"This newspaper is no longer one that is based on facts and truths, but a newspaper of lies that is addicted to its role as the harbinger of libel and false accusations," he said.

"DAP calls on these 'false Malaysians' to fear God before it is too late. These 'false Malaysians' should go back to the path of righteousness to be true Malaysians who want freedom - freedom from abuse of power, corruption and threats, and freedom from fear."

At last weekend's Pakatan Rakyat convention in Penang, Lim had hit out at "pseudo Malaysians", but the daily reported his speech as one that challenged the citizenship of certain people.

**'Laughable plea'**

DAP publicity secretary Tony Pua was equally disdainful of the daily.

"Never before in history has the DAP, a party that Utusan Malaysia has previously regarded as irrelevant, become the object of obsession to an Umno-owned newspaper.

"It is most laughable when Utusan had to appeal to its readers not to boycott the paper due to 'political sentiments' and to blame Pakatan (when its) business (was affected).

"It appears that Utusan is attempting to rationalise its loss of readership (by blaming) external factors instead of looking inwards at their incessant racial posturing, outright lies and inflammatory headlines such as Bangkitlah Melayu as being the main causes."

He pointed to the correlation between the increased reporting against DAP and declining circulation of the newspaper.

"The relentless attacks on the DAP only serve to prove that DAP and Pakatan are making major inroads in proving to the people that we are not only competent in governance, but that - despite having a DAP chief minister in Penang - Malays and Muslims enjoy greater rights and benefits than under a BN administration."

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