

**Apology not enough, says Indian Muslim group**  
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About 40 Indian Muslim protesters have vowed to continue rallying against Komtar assemblyperson Ng Wei Aik until he quits his post as Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng's political secretary.

The protesters, who call themselves Suara Anak-Anak Mamak Pulau Pinang, also want Ng to throw in the towel as state assemblyperson over his actions during a raid at an Indian Muslim restaurant in Gat Lebu Macallum on Jan 2.

They also want Ng to face action for uttering a racist comment, which Ng vehemently denied, against restaurant owner Syed Kassali Mohammed Aliyar, his family and workers during a raid by Penang Municipal Council personnel.

Despite apologising to all Indian Muslims across the country for his aggressive behaviour and hurtful remarks towards Syed Kassali, the protesters gathered on the 3rd floor of Komtar, after attending Friday prayers at a nearby mosque.

They carried large banners bearing slogans such as "Enough mess of Guan Eng, new CM please", "Melaka rejected Guan Eng, Penang should do the same", and "DAP parti samseng".

There were shouts of "Takbir" and "Hidup Mamak"; and they also shouted for Ng to come down from the 28th floor to meet them, which he did not.

In the midst of the rally, a fight nearly broke out between a protester and Batu Maung assemblyperson Abdul Malik Abul Kassim's office staff.

The protester was seen shouting at the man, telling him not to interfere. But other members of the group managed to restrain the angry protester and dragged him away from the later.

The organiser of the march, Abdul Ghani Mohammad Jiman (left), said it was only right that Ng apologise for the incident, which he did today, publicly in front of the media at the Nasi Kandar Mohammed Aliyar restaurant.

"However, he must also resign and he should do it immediately or else we would protest until he does so," Abdul Ghani, who is Komtar Merchant Association vice-chairperson, told Malaysiakini.

"Or else we do not care if he apologises, jumps from the 28th floor of Komtar (Chief Minister's office) or commits suicide, we will continue our rally," he warned.

"If he jumps from the 28th floor...we can have a by-election."

Abdul Ghani, who claims to be the new chief of the Suara Anak-Anak Mamak Pulau Pinang, said Ng has wrongfully intervened in the duties and was involved in raids organised by the MPPP.

"The aggressive act towards the public or businessmen clearly violates his first oath in front of the state assembly speaker, which he took on May 2, 2008," he told reporters during the rally.

"The public now question Ng's ethics, good manners and moral behaviour and he has no choice but to resign," he said.

"His actions have tarnished the chief minister's and DAP secretary general's image, which has turned him into a problem and public nuisance plus a big liability to the latter and to Pakatan Rakyat".

Abdul Ghani also lambasted Ng for acting outside his jurisdiction as the restaurant was outside his constituency - in Pengkalan Kota and not Komtar.

He alleged that MPPP councillor Tay Leong Seng, who took part in the raid on the restaurant, was at the material time not even a council staff member, as his appointment was only effective on Jan 6.

However, it is learnt that Tay's contract, which ended in December last year, was effective from Jan 1.

"I take this opportunity to remind Ng to resign and the Election Commission to stand by for a by-election in Komtar," he said.

"Ng and Tay should also be prepared for legal action for the tragedy that befell the restaurant when they raided it early this year," he warned.

Abdul Ghani ended the press session by saying he plans to register his group officially at the Registrar of Societies in Kepala Batas on Monday.

The group intends to set up a fund to for a panel of lawyers to drag these 'public enemies' to court and to protect victims of state government abuses.

It appears Ng's apology has failed to quell the dissatisfaction of the Indian Muslim community over the former's alleged remarks of "tutup kedai, balik India".

The protest today follows an earlier episode last week where the Malaysian Indian Muslim Congress handed over a memorandum to Lim, urging him to act against his political secretary Ng.