

High-powered panel to resolve Rama-Karpal spat
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The DAP central executive committee has established a three-member committee to resolve the dispute between chairperson Karpal Singh and its Penang deputy chief P Ramasamy.

Panel members are secretary-general Lim Guan Eng, parliamentary leader Lim Kit Siang and life adviser Dr Chen Man Hin.

"We want to resolve this matter speedily," secretary-general Lim Guan Eng told Malaysiakini after the meeting last night.

It is understood that Ramasamy, who is also the party deputy secretary-general, was present at the meeting.

ramasamy at penang dap conventionRamasamy had been engaged in a war of words with DAP chairperson Karpal Singh, alluding that the latter was a "godfather" in the party, during the run-up to the annual convention for the Penang chapter of the party last weekend.

Coming to Karpal's defence was Penang DAP committee member RSN Rayer, who accused Ramasamy of acting like a "warlord" and alleging he had "begged" to be appointed Penang deputy chief minister II.

Following this, Rayer, who is also the Seri Delima state assemblyperson, claimed that he received a telephone death threat.

During the convention on Sunday, Ramasamy's supporters held a noisy protest outside the venue to condemn Rayer and Karpal.

Both Karpal and Ramasamy crossed swords again during their respective speeches.

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