

Now Ibrahim Ali wants to debate Guan Eng
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Malay rights pressure group Perkasa chief Ibrahim Ali has challenged DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng to a debate on which of the two groups is more racist.

"The debate title will be: 'Who is more racist and who is the bigger troublemaker,'" he said at a press conference in Putrajaya this evening.

Ibrahim said that he will prove during the debate that DAP was more racist than Perkasa.

"I would like to produce fact and figures, newspaper cuttings and resolutions to prove that DAP is racist. I have records of May 13 to show the public how DAP played its political game," he said.

"Anyone can be the organiser as long as it is fair, even there is no audience it is fine but there must be an independent moderator and it must be broadcasted live," he added.

Perkasa mulls suit

The challenge, he said, was in response to last Sunday's debate between Lim and MCA president Dr Chua Soi Lek, where the former had labelled Perkasa as a racist organisation.

Upset over the label, Ibrahim adds that Perkasa is going through the debate's video recordings and mulling legal action against Lim for defamation.

"Our legal bureau is studying and scrutinising this and we will sue Lim for defamation because he made this statement during the debate, claiming that Perkasa is out to create chaos," he said.

Perkasa, adds Ibrahim, will also subpoena Inspector-General of Police Ismail Omar if necessary, to testify on whether Perkasa was a threat to national security.

"We have never supported protest without permit but DAP supported the Bersih rally which did not have a permit, who is the troublemaker?" he said.

He also accused Lim of using Perkasa to incite Chinese sentiments to garner support.

'No moral standing to debate'

However, Ibrahim said he was not interested in debating opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim whom he described as "irrelevant".

"I don't want to debate with a prisoner, I will only debate someone with moral standing, he also does not have the moral standing to debate (Prime Minister) Najib Abdul Razak," he said.

Meanwhile, commenting on NGO Jingga 13's claim that Israeli trade ships had docked at Port Klang, Ibrahim said it was difficult to control private companies which deal with Israel through third party entities.

"What is important is that we ensure government-linked companies have no connection with Israel," he said, adding that he also supported a ban on private companies dealing with Israel.

"We do not recognise the Israeli government as a legal government so we should ban all relationships, there cannot be double standards," he said.

However, Ibrahim said the NGO, which is linked to PKR, had raised the matter to divert attention from Anwar who is himself embroiled in controversy for allegedly supporting Israel's security.

Anwar was quoted in a Wall Street Journal interview as saying he supports the security of Israel on condition that it respects the aspirations of the Palestinian people.

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