

Gerakan team monitoring reps' performance
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A delegation of Penang Gerakan "potential candidates" has expressed disappointment over the conduct of several executive councillors and assemblypersons at the state legislative assembly today.

Leading the pack was state Gerakan secretary Goh Kheng Sneah (right) who pointed at exco member Phee Boon Poh for his "arrogance and disrespect" for another assemblyperson.

"He said he was an exco (member) and kept asking Jahara Abdul Hamid (Teluk Ayer Tawar-Umno) to sit down when she asked questions," said Goh at a press conference.

"He was too arrogant and did not respect her as a former state exco and a woman. This behaviour is not right," he added.

Other exco members who made it to Gerakan's black list are Abdul Malik Abul Kassim (Batu Maung-PKR) and Lim Hock Seng (Bagan Jermal-DAP), while Wong Hon Wai (Air Itam-DAP) was touted as the "best exco".

Lim, according to Goh, was campaigning during the proceedings, reportedly saying "vote for Pakatan Rakyat" when responding to a question on the privatisation of Penang bridge.

"The House is not a place for campaigning. This is not a right behaviour for an exco."

Goh was accompanied state party veep Ong Thean Lye, bureau chiefs Rowena Yam (political and education), Thor Teong Ghee (publication and communication), Baljit Singh (legal and human rights), and state committee member Teoh Git Meng.

Performance of representatives

The group, said Goh, was present to monitor and evaluate the conduct and performance of the excos and assemblypersons, and the report will be published later for the people to judge.

penang pkr adun raveentharan police reportGoh, the former Batu Uban assemblyperson, also targetted PKR representative S Raveentharan (left) for his late attendance to the Dewan, adding: "This job is important. He must do his work."

Goh later displayed a file on Raveentharan's "performance" which included newspaper cuttings and details on whether he had fulfilled his election pledges.

"There is a report card on him and the results will be announced to the press later," he said.

Meanwhile, Goh lamented that several of his party comrades were not allowed into the House this morning as the security "had run out of passes".

He urged Speaker Abdul Halim Hussein to answer for "not doing his work truthfully".

"In the Dewan, there were ten places left so it is not true that the seats were all taken. We feel this is not right. However, we thank the security staff because after negotiations, they allowed us in."

In an immediate response, Abdul Halim said there were insufficient passes as 50 seats were reserved for guests and 15 for journalists.

"We did not purposely stop them from entering the Dewan. We will increase the number of seats tomorrow," he said.

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