

DAP vice-chair prefers Selangor polls with GE13
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The Pakatan Rakyat announcement on holding the Selangor elections separately from the general election is merely a "warning" and it is yet to receive endorsement from Pakatan Rakyat.

In saying this, DAP vice-chairperson Tan Seng Giaw is quoted by Malay daily Sinar Harian today as adding that it would be better if the Selangor state election is conducted together with GE13.

There is no cause that has taken place to necessitate putting off the Selangor elections to a later date, the daily quotes Tan as saying.

"The Sarawak state election is held separately because of historical reasons that caused the state election to be held separately (from the federal elections).

"But what has happened here (in Selangor) does not necessitate the state election to be held separately. It is best that they be held simultaneously," Tan is quoted as saying.

On Wednesday, PKR supremo Anwar Ibrahim said after the Pakatan presidential council meeting that Selangor would not hold its election together with GE13 on grounds that the state electoral roll was plagued with dubious voters.

Anwar was flanked by DAP national adviser Lim Kit Siang and PAS secretary-general Mustafa Ali.

'Federal gov't should follow S'gor'

In another report, Sinar Harian quotes Selangor PAS commissioner Abdul Rani Osman as saying that the federal government should follow Selangor's election timing if it wanted to save costs.

"If they want to avoid wasting time and money, then don't hold the election before the term ends. Do it together (with Selangor) next year, let the term end, don't do it earlier," Abdul Rani is was quoted as saying.

He said this in response to the Election Commission's (EC) complaint that having separate polls will cause the EC to incur an additional cost of RM50 million.