

## **Penang BN Youth: Pakatan copied BN's rejected ideas**

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Penang BN Youth has challenged Pakatan Rakyat to release its manifesto by Monday to show whether the proposals would benefit the people.

State BN Youth information chief H'ng Khoon Leng said Pakatan was supposed to finalise its state level manifesto by March 9, and present it to the people, but hasn't done so until today.

"According to the information we received, Pakatan leaders decided not to announce their manifesto because part and parcel of the content was copied from their 2007 manifesto," H'ng (left) claimed at a press conference today.

"That's why they dare not disclose it, after we revealed empty promises in their old manifesto," added the state Gerakan Youth deputy chief.

H'ng was responding to a press conference on March 9 at which state BN liaison committee member Tan Heap Seng "revealed tonnes of promises" made by Pakatan in 2007, but were never fulfilled.

On March 1, Penang Pakatan leaders had announced that they planned to release their manifesto during their state-level convention on March 9.

On Feb 25, Pakatan unveiled its national election manifesto, Manifesto Rakyat: Pakatan Harapan Rakyat' (The People's Manifesto: Pakatan the hope of the people), in which reducing the people's financial burden was among its promises.

'Pakatan is scared'

When state BN leaders revealed the promises Pakatan failed to deliver since 2007, H'ng claimed, Pakatan called off the release of its state manifesto.

"Obviously, Pakatan leaders are scared that if they revealed their manifesto, it would be no different from the one in 2007, after BN revealed the promises which were not delivered," said H'ng.

"Pakatan is merely dishing up the same old stuff in a new form," he added.

H'ng vowed to reveal more 'broken promises' by Pakatan from time to time, adding that the latest information he received was that Pakatan was trying to revise its new manifesto to show some differences from the 2007 manifesto.

Asked about the Penang BN manifesto, H'ng said it was ready and that state BN chief Teng

Chang Yeow would announce it.

In an immediate response, state DAP Socialist Youth chief Ng Wei Aik (right) said BN should reveal its manifesto, since H'ng claimed to know about Pakatan's from "a mole" inside Pakatan.

"Let the people judge for themselves whether we recycled old promises. What is he afraid of? Take it out and show us, otherwise he is lying," said Ng, who is Komtar assemblyperson.

"When we talk about policies, we need to base these on certain basic concept and principles.

"We also need continuation in the implementation of policies. You can't run away from that, but it does not mean there will be no new elements in the manifesto," he said.

"The election is still not coming, so why rush? People do not intervene in other people's party affairs by demanding they reveal their manifesto. H'ng is probably too free and has nothing to do," said Ng, who is the chife minister's political secretary.

"We have already come out with the first draft of the manifesto even before his boss Teng Chang Yeow became the state BN chief last year," he added.

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