

DAP to field Najib's ex-info chief in Raub
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DAP will field Mohd Ariff Sabri Abdul Aziz, who was once a member of Umno president Najib Abdul Razak's inner circle, as its candidate for the Raub parliamentary constituency. This was announced during a DAP ceramah in Raub this evening by party secretary-general Lim Guan Eng.

Mohd Ariff (left) was the Pulau Manis assemblyperson between 2004 and 2008. He served as the information chief of the Pekan Umno division, which Najib still heads today, between 2000 and 2004.

Better known by his blog title Sakmongkol AK47, Mohd Ariff has been an active political blogger and frequent critic of the Najib administration.

He joined DAP in January 2012, along with veteran Umno member Aspan Alias, creating a dent to Umno's constant efforts to portray DAP as an anti-Malay party.

Raub is a Malay majority seat is currently held by MCA vice-president Dr Ng Yen Yen, who won by a 2,752 vote majority in 2008. Since the majority is only 8.2 percent of the votes cast, Raub is listed among BN's shaky seats.

Meanwhile, Lim also announced that DAP would field Tengku Zulpuri Shah Raja Puji, a member of the Pahang royal house, as a candidate for the Mentakab state assembly seat. Tengku Zulpuri (right), an electronics engineer by training, is now a businessman. He joined DAP in 2000 and was later appointed member of the Selayang Municipal Council.

Mentakab is another Malay majority seat which is currently held by MCA's Chuah Boon Siong, who won with a 2,439-vote majority in GE12, well ahead of his opponent from DAP.

Along with Zairil Khir Johari, it is now confirmed that DAP will field at least three of its most prominent Malay members in the coming general election.