

## **Karpal confirms DAP to use PAS, PKR logos**

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DAP chairperson Karpal Singh said DAP will contest under the PAS logo in the peninsula and PKR logo in Sabah and Sarawak in the general election with the Registrar of Societies' failure to withdraw its letter.

The party had appealed to the ROS to withdraw its Wednesday letter to suspend the party's existing central executive committee (CEC) but till this afternoon the department had been silent on the matter.

"Following this, we will do as what was decided yesterday and contest under the PAS logo in peninsula and PKR for Sabah and Sarawak," he said when contacted.

PAS secretary-general Mustafa Ali (left) when contacted also confirmed that DAP candidates will use the PAS logo in the peninsula.

"I have signed all the letters of authorisation of the DAP candidates (contesting in the peninsula)," said Mustafa.

He described this as "a historic" occasion for PAS, but brought about "by force" by ROS' actions.

Sarawak DAP chief Wong Ho Leng told a press conference in Sarawak that the PKR authorisation letters are already on a flight from Kuala Lumpur to Sarawak. He said PAS had sent copies of their authorisation letters earlier which arrived this morning and had been given to candidates in rural areas for fear that the PKR letters could not arrive in time.

When asked by reporters in Penang at 3pm, DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng, meanwhile, said he will only comment after discussing the matter with the party leadership.

Earlier today, ROS said it was in the midst of discussing DAP's request to withdraw its letter.

"We will do the necessary (actions) later," ROS director-general Abdul Rahman Othman said in a text message, without elaborating further on the actions it was contemplating.

DAP had last night demanded that the ROS withdraw its letter by 3pm today.

The letter, saying that it does not recognise the party's top leadership lineup, was the result of claims of a "technical glitch" in the party's election's last year.

If ROS does not act on the letter's demand, DAP is contemplating contesting under its partners' logos.

This is despite Election Commission (EC) chairperson Abdul Aziz Mohd Yusof (right) confirming that DAP can still participate in the polls regardless of non-recognition of its CEC.

Meanwhile, Karpal also told Malaysiakini that the party will not be filing any application to challenge the ROS' decision.

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