

Protest against replacement of DAP's Jalong incumbent

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Around 60 DAP grassroots leaders and supporters from the Jalong state seat in Perak held a protest in front of the Perak DAP headquarters today as their favoured candidate for the seat, incumbent Leong Mee Meng, had been excluded from the party's candidacy list announced last night.

Meanwhile, incumbent Aulong state assemblyperson Yew Tian Hoe had considered standing as an Independent to defend his seat as he has also been excluded from the list, but he later retracted.

Both Leong (right) and Yew are not in the camp of Perak DAP chief Ngeh Koo Ham.

Leong, who is backed by the party national vice-chairperson M Kulasegaran, was replaced by new face Loh Sze Yee, according to the announcement made by Ngeh last night.

This led to a protest held in front of Perak DAP headquarters this morning as Leong's supporters slammed the central and state leadership for not consulting with the local leadership in the first place.

Speaking to the press later, DAP Sungai Siput parliamentary constituency liaison committee deputy chief Seok Loy (left) said that the local DAP members don't know Loh as she never been to Jalong before.

"This is not a wise decision, the central and state leadership had never talked to us, thus we are not happy," he said.

He hoped that the party leadership will reconsider appointing Leong to defend her seat before tomorrow, which is the nomination day for the general election.

Should the party maintain the decision, he said that the liaison committee members will call a meeting tonight to discuss their next step.

According to Ngeh's announcement, Yew was replaced by Leow Tai Yih, who is leading the incumbent Nga Kor Ming's workers in the Taiping parliamentary constituency.

However, Yew dismissed some news reports saying he already decided to contest

as an Independent.

"I still don't know, I still don't know. I will give you the answer by 3pm," he added.

When contacted later, Yew said that he will respect the decision of the party and will not contest.

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