

Pakatan boycotts Perak MB's swearing-in ceremony

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Perak Pakatan Rakyat assemblypersons have boycotted the swearing-in ceremony of Menteri Besar Zambry Abdul Kadir this morning, said DAP Perak chief Ngeh Koo Ham, who is decrying the recently-concluded elections as unfair due to 'blatant gerrymandering'.

NONE Ngeh (left) said Pakatan Rakyat has won 54.75 percent of the popular vote in Perak compared to BN's 45.25 percent, but the latter formed a state government with 31 elected representatives compared to Pakatan Rakyat's 28.

"The people of Perak have been cheated of a more popular Pakatan Rakyat state government.

"The Pakatan Rakyat elected representatives did not attend the swearing-in ceremony of Zambry Abdul Kadir as menteri besar this morning because he does not deserve the respect due to a menteri besar," he said in a statement today.

He said Zambry has already shown contempt to the will of the people by being a main player in the 2009 Perak constitutional crisis after several Pakatan Rakyat representatives defected to BN, and now he heads the state government with fewer popular votes than Pakatan Rakyat.

Ngeh, who is also the Sitiawan assemblyperson, urged the Election Commission to ensure that each vote would carry equal weight, so that election results would represent the people's will.

"The just concluded election saw the minority rural poor (many of whom are influenced by the BN government's handouts) override the views of the majority urban, better-informed and educated Perakians," he said.

NONE Earlier, Bernama reported that Zambry (right), who is also the Pangkor assemblyperson, has been sworn in as the state's 12th menteri besar at a ceremony in Istana Iskandariah in Kuala Kangsar at 10.45am today, accompanied by his wife Saripah Zulkifli.

Reportedly wearing a black baju Melayu, he took his oath of office before Regent of Perak Raja Nazrin Shah, and then signed his appointment letter witnessed by Ipoh High Court judge Zainal Adzam Abdul Ghani and state secretary Abdul Puhat Mat Nayan.

Also reportedly present at the ceremony were several members of Perak royalty and Perak mufti Harussani Zakaria.

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