

## **'Racist docs should be sacked, but where's the proof?'**

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Penang Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng wants medical doctors with racist attitude to be sacked as they have violated their Hippocratic Oath.

Lim urged Roslan Saidin (Umno-Pinang Tunggal) to expose the names of the doctors involved so that the allegations can be probed and appropriate action taken.

He added that the information should be sent to state executive councillor on health Dr Afif Bahardin (PKR-Seberang Jaya), so that action can be taken to avoid suspicion between the different races.

Lim said if Roslan (right) cannot produce evidence to back his claims, he should withdraw them immediately and apologise to all doctors in the country.

He urged all to respect the contribution of doctors, adding that they work long hours and most are dedicated to their profession.

"I am disappointed that Roslan has issued a serious accusation where he blamed the Chinese tsunami for causing the BN to lose popular votes in the 13th general elections," Lim said while winding up the motion of thanks to the Governor's speech in the state assembly today.

"Roslan tried to tie the May 5 polls results to racist attitudes by three Chinese doctors in two hospitals in Penang who allegedly refused treatment to Malay patients," he explained.

"If this is true, not only should they be sacked from the hospital but their medical licence should be revoked as they have violated their Hippocratic Oath," Lim added.

"But why is this rather impossible accusation not known by the Penang General Hospital or the state Health Department?" he queried.

Lim said he raised the issue as he has received complaints from doctors and patients alike about this "dangerous play of racist sentiments".

"In fact, some Malay patients are disappointed over the racial controversial games for the sake of political expediency as they can tell how Chinese doctors have

diligently saved their lives and the lives of their families," said Lim.

"So I hope the opposition can furnish us with proof and do not cut off your nose spite your own face (meludah ke langit)," he added.

Roslan defends his action

In response, Roslan stood up several times to defend his action, saying he spoke about the three doctors and was not targetting the entire profession.

He added he raised the issue as he was a "responsible" elected representative and that alleged incidents had happened in his constituency.

He repeated his allegation, citing several examples to back his claims.

Shah Haedan Ayoob Hussain Shah (Umno-Teluk Bahang) said the names of the doctors cannot be revealed in the assembly, adding the matter should be directly reported to the Health Ministry.

penang exco swearing in ceremony 090513 afif baharudinBut Dr Afif (right) seemed visibly upset that the profession of medical doctors have been tarnished by the allegations.

"Racism has no future in Malaysia, and this goes for racist political parties as well, which will eventually be extinct," he said when Lim gave him way to make his comment.

"The younger generation will never accept racism, so what has this accusation of Chinese tsunami to do with doctors?" he queried.

"Roslan could no establish a link between the two but has instead implicated my peers in the medical profession," he added.

He demanded that Roslan reveal the doctors' names or withdraw his claims as they continue to treat "our people and our families".

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