

ROS invalidates DAP CEC, but no letter yet

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DAP is up in arms over Home Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi's announcement of the Registrar of Societies' (ROS) decision to order the party to invalidate its central executive committee (CEC) election.

The announcement was made yesterday at a breaking of fast event in Putrajaya, even before the ROS has informed the party of this writing.

NONEThe ROS' letter to the DAP had yet to be finalised as at this morning, when CEC member Anthony Loke (right) went to the headquarters to seek clarification.

"We have yet to receive any notice in black and white. We only came to know of this through the newspapers," he said.

Loke refused further comment, apart from revealing that the matter would be deliberated by the CEC tomorrow night.

According to Sin Chew Daily, Ahmad Zahid had told reporters that the ROS was not satisfied with the party's explanation of glitches that had cropped up during the CEC election.

He also stressed that he had not interfered with the ROS decision.

ROS letter to be sent out

At the same function, ROS director Abdul Rahman Othman said the DAP must conduct the CEC elections upon receipt of its written instructions.

In January, the DAP had suffered embarrassment after a minor spreadsheet error caused problems with the tabulation of the CEC election results.

The error only affected two individuals - little known Vincent Wu Him Ven and Zairil Khir Johari, who has a higher profile as he is the aide to DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng.

However, the matter was only rectified a month later, with Zairil officially making it as one of 20 elected CEC members.

This led to speculation that the results were manipulated to pave Zairil's entry into

the CEC, as the sole elected Malay representative.

At the time, party officials said they had to reveal the error in the interests of transparency, despite the guaranteed embarrassment and speculation that would result.

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