

DAP accuses Ahmad Zahid of double standards

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DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng is questioning why no fresh general election was called when the Election Commission (EC) erred over the easily-washed off indelible ink while DAP is made to hold fresh party elections over a mistake it has since corrected.

NONEDirecting his accusations at Home Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, Lim (left) stated that the minister was practising "double-standards" in the matter.

In a statement, he said unlike the EC, the DAP had admitted to the error it made while tabulating votes during its central executive committee (CEC) polls last year.

"Ahmad Zahid Hamidi practices double-standards in not demanding for a fresh general election when the EC never made any correction with the indelible ink that could be immediately washed off, but yet wanting the DAP to conduct party re-elections for DAP when DAP had already corrected the mistake in the results," the Bagan MP.

He was referring to Ahmad Zahid's actions in announcing the directive that the party hold fresh election even before the DAP leadership received any notification in writing from the ROS over its decision to invalidate the current CEC lineup.

NONEDAP only received the ROS' letter yesterday evening which stated it was not satisfied with DAP's explanations. However, the registrar had omitted to include any grounds for its decision in the letter.

"That this is an act of political victimisation and abuse of power by Home Minister Ahmad Zahid (right) is indisputable when no grounds were given for this ROS directive.

"Where is natural justice if an organisation or an individual is condemned or punished without knowing the reasons and what are the facts against him?" Lim said.

DAP punished for 'being honest'

Lim, who is also Penang chief minister, said that DAP had provided a full explanation and cooperated fully with the ROS, providing all necessary documents

to prove the party polls last December was conducted “properly, legally and democratically”.

The only mistake, he said, was in the posting of the results by the returning officer that led to the wrong votes being announced and which had impacted only one successful candidate.

“When this error was discovered, this was admitted to and rectified by the party voluntarily without being exposed by any outside parties.

He added that the party is now being punished for refusing to cover-up mistakes, and for ‘being both honest and truthful”.

Zairil Khir Johari (2)The DAP had admitted in January that a minor spreadsheet error caused problems with the tabulation of the results of the CEC election, held the month earlier.

The error only affected two individuals as Vincent Wu Him Ven, who was initially announced to successfully make it into the CEC, had his spot taken over by Lim’s aide Zairil Khir Johari (left).

The change saw Zairil become the sole Malay elected into the CEC.

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