

Ride off quietly into the sunset, Karpal tells Kuan Yew

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DAP national chairperson Karpal Singh has ticked off Singapore's former premier Lee Kuan Yew for his remarks on Pakatan Rakyat, saying the coalition will be unable to govern if it came to power.

He accused the republic's ex-premier of wanting to remain the "top voice" in this part of the world.

NONE"But he is well past over the hill, he should let others take the lead. He should instead quietly ride into the sunset," Karpal (right) quipped.

The Bukit Gelugor MP was referring to Lee's latest book One man's view of the world, in which the senior minister described Pakatan as an 'opportunistic ad hoc' group.

Lee had said "as long as it (Pakatan) does not hold the reins of the federal government and therefore does not have to implement the said multiracial policies, some semblance of unity can be maintained".

He does not think that Pakatan would be able to do away with Malay supremacy.

Kettle calling pot black charge

NONEKarpal said Lee (left) had every right to make the comments about Pakatan, however, "he better put his house in order first".

"The PAP (which ruled Singapore since Independence) lost six seats in the country's last elections, they also lost the Punggol seat in a by-election," said Karpal.

"His comment that Pakatan is not able to effectively govern had it been successful, is without basis," he added.

"There is no doubt that Pakatan has 89 MPs who are of better quality than the ones in the cabinet led by Prime Minister Najib Razak," he said.

Karpal said Pakatan had not been given a chance, otherwise the coalition will have been able to prove its ability to run the country.

On the same note, he reminded Lee that in the last general election on May 5, Pakatan garnered 51 percent of the popular vote.

The country is run by a government with minority support, said Karpal.

He repeated his proposals to the Election Commission to improve the quality of representation so that "the actual will of the people can be reflected".

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