

## **Former DAP vice-chair alleges 'deceit' in CEC polls**

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Former DAP vice-chairperson Zulkifli Mohd Noor, who failed to secure a position in Sunday's central executive committee re-election, has accused certain leaders of using a "3M formula" to dupe delegates into reinstating the nullified line-up.

NONEZulkifli (on the left) alleged the use of "man, money and media" to trick delegates to support the status quo, to save the party from being deregistered by the Registrar of Societies (ROS).

He said he had anticipated this result, and went on to allege that the delegates were professionally directed and threatened by certain leaders to fulfil their "bad intentions".

"The delegates, most of whom are new members, were easily influenced by and believed in the cheat-and-lie strategy," Zulkifli said in a statement released by the Penang Malay Congress.

"Delegates did not know who they were voting for. They were merely following the instructions of those higher up to choose 20 leaders to fill the CEC."

Zulkifli, a former Penang municipal councillor who has been dropped from the post, had come out with guns blazing at the DAP leadership, before the party's elections last Sunday, for allegedly marginalising the Malays, saying they were valued as much as "50 sen only".

He also called on the delegates to vote him in as the new national chairperson if the party is truly multi-racial, and challenged secretary-general Lim Guan Eng to quit his post.

In his statement received late last night, Zulkifli questioned several "irregularities" that he claimed he noticed in the CEC re-election exercise.

dap annouce sept 29 re-election 220813 02He said Lim had used the ROS as a "scapegoat" to anger the delegates who believed him and acted as instructed to reinstate the 20 CEC members originally voted in last December.

Delegates were "quietly" told to maintain the status quo while the leaders shouted the slogan of unity as this is the "Lim Dynasty's last strategy" to retain power, he

claimed.

He also criticised Lim and DAP national chief Karpal Singh for speaking to delegates on Sunday when they were candidates themselves, while others were not accorded the same opportunity.

Zulkifli described this as a "dirty tactic" which was unconstitutional and did not follow election procedures.

'Dirty tactics'

He also questioned why 17 candidates withdrew from the re-election exercise, asking "did they protest or assist in the evil plan to cheat and lie...?"

He claimed many of these candidates feared losing their posts as elected representatives in Penang.

NONE Among those who withdrew were Tanjung MP Ng Wei Aik (right) and state assemblypersons Jagdeep Singh (Dato Keramat) and RSN Rayer (Seri Delima).

Zulkifli further complained that the candidates were not given the delegates' list in advance of the elections, but had to "contact the headquarters many times and send letters" before it was issued.

"When it arrived two days before the elections, addresses and phone numbers of the delegates were not provided for us to communicate with them," he said.

"We were told to find (out) ourselves or take it from the headquarters. These are all dirty tactics to inconvenience the candidates."

Zulkifli added that, in general, the re-election exercise was tarnished by several flaws, failed to follow proper procedures and was far from being clean.

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