

**Gerakan, MCA strike back at Guan Eng**  
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DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng has been accused of fanning religious tension after flaying Gerakan for supporting Umno's protest against the Christian community.

"By recklessly throwing his accusations against Gerakan, Lim is clearly not acting as a statesman and a leader of (a) state to help reduce the growing inter-religious tension..." said deputy secretary-general Thor Thong Gee (right).

"... He is determined to fan more hatred and frictions by dragging in more parties into the unfortunate incident."

Umno members had participated in a demonstration about a kilometre away from the Lady of Lourdes Church in Klang yesterday to protest the Christian community's use of 'Allah' to refer to God.

The Selangor sultan had early last year decreed that the word cannot be used by non-Muslims in line with the Selangor Non-Islamic Religions (Control of Propagation Among Muslims) Enactment 1988.

Thor said Gerakan had already denounced and condemned any action that is deemed to infringe the constitutional rights of any religious community in the country.

Lim should focus on hammering out his party's differences with Pakatan Rakyat partners PKR and PAS, he said.

"Selangor Menteri Besar Khalid Ibrahim has told all parties to follow the sultan's decree on the use of 'Allah' despite Selangor DAP chairperson Tony Pua having a different opinion," he noted.

"PKR's de facto leader Anwar Ibrahim disagreed with a proposal by DAP assemblypersons to amend the Selangor Non-Islamic Religions Enactment 1988."

MCA vice-president Chua Tee Yong (left) also hit out at Lim on the same matter.

"Protests are not the way to solve problems, especially on sensitive issues. These should be avoided as it may escalate the temperature of the issue," he said.

"It is disappointing to see that the (Pakatan) state government continue to blame their misdeeds on past administrations rather than work on solutions."

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