

DAP MP: Teach supporters about Malaysian mindset
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DAP must educate its supporters and grassroots on having a Malaysian mindset, said the party's MP Ariff Sabri in sharing his views regarding the outcome of the Teluk Intan by-election.

He added that the absence of the 7,300 vote majority as garnered by the previous DAP candidate proved that the call for a Malaysian mindset must also be put forth to non-Malays and not Malays alone.

The Raub MP questioned if the 7,300 voters were all living outside the constituency and did not return to vote on polling day?

"If not. And if a portion of them were based in Teluk Intan, why didn't they come out to vote for the DAP candidate?"

"Is it because certain powerful forces in DAP disagreed with the decision to field Dyana Sofya Mohd Daud.

"Or is it because more than 7,000 voters were not keen on supporting DAP this time around? The party must look into these issues," he added in his blog.

Ariff said it could be inferred that the 7,300 voters, who backed DAP in the last general election, did not consider Dyana as a "game changer".

"This means DAP supporters still fail to see that the party is no longer an opposition for life entity but capable of forming government at the federal level," he added.

The DAP leader said Malays are prepared to think rationally as they are aware that their position and interests are safeguarded by the law, certain institutions and their numbers as well.

It is because of these safeguards, he pointed out, the Malays have the courage to alter their mindset.

"In this context, the Malays are the ones who are receptive and prepared to change their political attitude," he said, adding that the Malays know that the purported threats to their status are "inventions by Umno".

As for DAP, Ariff called on the party to introspect.

"DAP can be convinced that it attracts all Malaysians.

"But it must admit that the Malaysian mindset must be spread among its supporters and grassroots as well," he added.

Last Saturday, DAP's Dyana was defeated by BN's Mah Siew Keong with a razor thin majority of 238 votes.

The parliament seat fell vacant following the death of DAP incumbent Seah Leong Peng.

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