

DAP flays MCA for not standing up to Najib
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DAP has slammed its rival MCA for crying foul at the media instead of taking a stand against BN chief Najib Razak's statement yesterday against the Chinese community.

At a press conference after their AGM yesterday, MCA president Liow Tiong Lai was reported lamenting that online media had "skewed" Najib's speech.

"Instead of dissociating or at least distancing itself from Prime Minister Najib's latest 'You help me, I help you' variation (first infamously used in the Sibul parliamentary by-election in May 2010) ... Liow has accused online news portals of 'twisting' Najib's speech to give it a negative image of the government.

"It would appear that MCA leaders have a totally different grasp and comprehension of ordinary language when they are made by top Umno leaders - where arm-twisting language could be understood as friendly advice," said DAP veteran Lim Kit Siang in a statement today.

He said Najib's speech was "straightforward and crystal clear - that the Chinese could not make demands from the government and then support Pakatan Rakyat".

Lim cited Najib as having reportedly said, "You can't demand and then support DAP. You can't demand and then support PR. You demand, you support BN, we will be fair to the Chinese community."

"Najib's implicit message is obvious - that the Chinese community cannot expect the government to be fair if they do not support the BN," said Lim.

Further hitting out at the prime minister, Lim opined what Najib had said was "offensive" and "obnoxious" as it runs afoul with his fundamental objectives, one of which is to be the prime minister for all Malaysians.

The Gelang Patah MP argued that Najib could not claim to be prime minister for all Malaysians after what he had said.

"Or is Najib prepared to give a quid pro quo to the 52 percent electorate to justify the government's lack of fairness in policy and implementation by exempting them from payment of all forms of taxes including the Goods and Services Tax?"

Liow 'lying' again?

Stressing that Malaysians, regardless of race, religion or political differences have a right to

demand justice from the government, Lim said this is also regardless of whom they voted for in the last general elections.

"This is the first test of whether we have a functioning democracy even before we can talk about wanting to be the world's best democracy.

"Can Najib let Malaysians know whether Malaysia under him has got a functioning democracy?" he asked.

Meanwhile, DAP Perak economic development bureau chief Chong Zheming said Liow was caught with his pants down for lying the second time yesterday.

The first, he said, was in 2011 when Liow claimed that the police did not shoot tear gas and water cannons into the Tung Shin Hospital compound (above) during the Bersih 2.0 rally.

"It is indisputable that Najib had said that the Chinese cannot make demands and then support Pakatan, based on the videos circulated online.

"Is Liow suffering from compulsive lying disorder that he could now lie with ease and find comfort in it?" asked Chong.

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