

**PAS: Guan Eng's 'quit' urging upsetting Malays**  
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Penang Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng's call for PAS to quit the state government is causing a negative perception against DAP among Malays, claimed newly-minted PAS vice president Idris Ahmad.

According to Harakahdaily, Idris said such statements complicated matters and could have a "long-term political impact and negative perception towards DAP among Malays".

"PAS asks that all quarters to be patient and not issue statements that would make matters worse and heat up the political climate in the country," he was quoted as saying.

Idris (photo) added that PAS had worked to correct the perception that DAP was anti-Malay and anti-Muslim even though this was not well received by rural Malays.

"But in the spirit of friendship and political cooperation, PAS still defended (DAP)," he said.

As such, he said PAS should be allowed space to resolve its problems.

Last week, all pro-Pakatan Rakyat leaders were purged in the PAS election with the ulama faction taking over the party leadership.

Under the new PAS leadership dominated by conservative hardliners, it also approved a motion to sever ties with DAP.

This prompted Lim to ask PAS representatives to resign from the over 1,000 government appointments in the DAP-led Pakatan government in Penang.

The chief minister had added that the vacant posts will be filled by Malays.

Following the demand, the new PAS leadership appeared to backtrack, claiming the approved motion was not final and urged its members not to quit.