

Don't hide like Najib, DAP tells PAS
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Penang Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng today said PAS should not take a page out of the prime minister's book and hide from the fact that it has severed ties with DAP.

"PAS should not hide like Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak is hiding from (former premier) Dr Mahathir Mohamad on the 1MDB scandal, but bravely bear full responsibility for killing off Pakatan Rakyat when the PAS muktamar accepted without debate a motion by their Dewan Ulama to sever ties with DAP.

"Logically PAS should then direct their government representatives to resign their posts since they are no longer part of Pakatan," he said in a statement today.

Zooming in on four of PAS's local councillors at Penang City Council and Seberang Perai Municipal Council, Lim said their refusal to resign was an "embarrassing spectacle".

"Clinging to their posts, have devalued the dignity and honour of PAS in the eyes of the public.

"As the Penang chief minister in my capacity as DAP secretary-general, PAS severing ties with DAP is effectively severing ties with me as Penang chief minister," he said.

Lim also criticised newly-elected PAS vice president Idris Ahmad (photo) for playing the racial card to justify PAS representatives clinging on to their government posts.

"Idris is now relying on extremism and racism that my call for PAS government representatives to resign is causing a negative perception against DAP among Malays.

"It is regrettable that PAS is behaving like Umno when I had announced earlier that any vacated posts by PAS will be filled by Malays who support the Penang state government administration headed by me," he said.

Last week, pro-Pakatan leaders were purged at the PAS election with conservative hardliners taking over the party's leadership.

PAS, under the new leadership, proceeded to approve a motion without debate to sever ties with DAP, prompting Lim to ask PAS to resign from their positions.

Subsequently, the new PAS leadership appeared to backtrack, insisting that the motion was not final and urged its representatives not to resign.