

Tee cries 'conspiracy', supporters stage protest
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About two dozen supporters of Tee Boon Hock staged a brief demonstration in front of Selangor exco Ronnie Liu's Pandamaran office this morning to protest the Klang municipal councillor's expulsion from the party.

tee boon hock protest 010810 tee boon hock with supporters Carrying placards and banners with words of support for Tee, the protestors consisted of DAP members from around 15 different branches around Klang.

Led by Klang DAP liaison secretary Lee Fu Haw, they decried what they said was the harsh treatment meted against a DAP activist who had made many contributions to the party since he joined almost three decades ago.

"He's been with the DAP for 26 years, how could he be axed in this way?" Lee told reporters during the protest.

Lee was coy, however, when asked why the protest was being held at the office of Liu, whom Tee had served as special assistant from 2008 after the general elections until November 2009.

NONE "It's normal for us to protest in such a place. This is along the main road, it's easily accessible by transport," said Lee.

"There's nothing to speculate on. This is just an easy place to reach," he asserted.

Tee and the DAP have been under intense media spotlight since earlier this week after a Star front page report alleged that he had misused Liu's (left) letterhead and seal to obtain contracts worth a total of RM1 million for 20 companies, including one belonging to a family member.

On Wednesday, Tee denied that the allegations, but was later asked to go on leave by Selangor Menteri Besar Khalid Ibrahim pending a state investigation into the matter.

'Get Tee' conspiracy

The protestors today, however, maintained Tee had been wronged by the party and said he should have been suspended from the party pending further investigations instead of being expelled straight away.

Lee cited Selangor police chief Khalid Abu Bakar statement that a search done at the Klang municipal council office did not find any letters of recommendation alleged to have been produced by Tee.

NONE Echoing Tee's (left) explanation to the DAP disciplinary committee yesterday, Lee said the former had not known his son was a partner in a company which he had signed a letter of support for.

"Even the police couldn't find any proof when they investigated Tee's office, so we think the punishment has come too fast and harsh.

"They might suspend him, but don't just expel him like that," said Lee.

Appearing briefly at the half-hour protest, Tee told reporters there may be elements within the party who feel threatened by his prospects at the DAP party elections due to occur soon.

"It (my expulsion) is part of conspiracy to remove me before party elections. Some people are very scared (for their posts) because they have not been serving the rakyat," Tee asserted.

Asked whether Liu was among those alleged to be 'threatened' by his popularity amongst the Klang DAP grassroots, Tee said, "You guys make your own judgement."

Tee also reiterated that a friend, who was then a director of 'Perkhidmatan AA', had requested from him a support letter to procure Klang municipal council projects in 2008.

Back then, he was unaware that the company had taken his son, Tee Chin Chin, as a partner.

"(At) that time we just took over the (state) government. No one had any experience. So (anyone can make) a mistake," he said.

Tee added that he had asked his friend to rectify the situation when he discovered his own son was involved.

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