

Doctored pic: Report lodged against 'PAS beruk'
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Penang Pakatan Rakyat has jointly lodged a police report against a doctored photo of Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng slaughtering a cow for the consumption of the Muslim community which is making the rounds over the Internet.

State DAP Youth secretary Ng Wei Aik, who lodged the report in Patani Road today on behalf of the coalition, urged the police to launch a probe into the damning photo which implicated Lim in a sacred Islamic ritual.

NONENg, (right) who is Komtar assemblyperson, said the photo was an "evil creation" as it was not Lim, but former Perak menteri besar Nazir Jamaluddin from PAS, who was slaughtering a cow during a Hari Raya Haji do in Perak, in December 2008.

"Replacing Nizar's photo with Lim is meant to confuse the people and intended to undermine the existing close relationship between Muslims and non-Muslims," he told reporters after filing the report.

"We urge the police to probe the matter and take the necessary action against the creator of the photo who has spread malicious against the Chief Minister," he added.

However, Ng said the action by the alleged Umno cybertrooper, known only by the moniker "PAS beruk (monkey)" will not destroy the existing good relationship among Pakatan Rakyat allies.

PAS has never stooped so low

On Tuesday, Malaysiakini had reported that a doctored photo of Lim in the act of slaughtering a cow had been posted on the Internet.

Revealed by Federal Territory PAS Youth chief Herman Samsudeen, the photo was allegedly designed by an Umno cybertrooper.

Bearing the tagline "Are we willing to see things become like this? What excuse is there to justify DAP's action?", the photo was fake as the actual one showed Nizar slaughtering the cow.

Lim is facing an uphill task in countering the ongoing allegations.

So far, he has publicly denounced the allegations, accusing his detractors of attempting to destroy his image and the good relationship between the DAP and PAS.

Meanwhile, PAS Tanjong commissioner Yacoob Omar said that the party had never resorted to such 'slanderous' techniques even though it had been in the opposition for 50 years.

"We do not play with religious issues because it will definitely incite anger among the Muslims," he said.

"This doctored photo has touched on the issue of religious practise (ibadat) and is actually an insult (penghinaan) to Muslims," he added.

Yacoob said in practise, only those of the Muslim faith are allowed to slaughter a sacrificial cow (korban) for the consumption of Muslims.

"Non-Muslims are not allowed to do this; if they did slaughter the cow, we cannot consume it," he added.

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