



Keng Yaik quits as advisor, calls Koh an 'ostrich'
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Dr Lim Keng Yaik has resigned as Gerakan advisor citing unhappiness over the party leadership's handling of the Penang party crisis.

Lim (*right*) made the announcement on his own accord to a group of reporters at the sidelines of a graduation ceremony at the Wawasan Open University, Kuala Lumpur.

He said that he was "in pain" over the leadership crisis in Penang, in which an extraordinary general meeting (EGM) will be convened on Oct 10 to oust its state chief Teng Hock Nam.

"My heart is bleeding," said Lim with his usual candour.

Lim also expressed disappointment with his chosen successor Koh Tsu Koon's handling of the Penang fallout.



He said that he had discussed the issue with Koh (*left*) but the latter is afraid to offend people, and chose to stay out of the matter.

Lim also chided Koh for choosing to attend the MCA annual general meeting in Kuala Lumpur, that falls on the same day as the Penang EGM.

'Koh buries his head in the sand'

He said that this behaviour was unbecoming of a leader and irresponsible.

"The last straw which broke the camel's back was, when I read in the newspapers that he would attend the MCA AGM on Oct 10, instead of solving the Penang Gerakan EGM issue.

"Where is the priority? When I was party president, I had even delegated my deputy to attend a BN component party AGM before...why can't he do the same?," asked Lim, according to Bernama.

Lim relinquished his position as Gerakan president in April 2007 and Koh was made acting president.

Since then, Koh failed to take proactive steps in resolving many issues affecting the party despite being advised to do so, lamented Lim.

"Where is the party going? Maybe, my resignation will shake him up. His attitude of 'speak evil, no speak evil' has brought this problem in Gerakan. His attitude is akin to an ostrich burying its head in the ground.

"A (party) president has to take responsibilities to solve problems. What is the point of giving advice if the person does not want to listen," he said.

EGM movers denies links

Lim will be submitting his official resignation letter tomorrow.

At the time of writing, almost all top Gerakan leaders cannot be contacted. It is believed that they are currently at the Gerakan headquarters in Cheras for an emergency meeting.

It is learnt that Koh has also cancelled his public appearance at Lim Kok Wing University tomorrow. He was initially slated to make an "important announcement", according to the press notice issued earlier today.

Meanwhile, the group which pushed for the EGM, which dubs itself Gerakanla Gerakan, has denied any links with Lim.

"No, no, no! Lim doesn't even know me," said Yeap Ban Choon, who is the main coordinator for *Gerakanla Gerakan*.

While admitting that the public will draw links between the timing of Lim's announcement with the movement to oust Teng, Yeap said that his group did not involve the senior leader.

"In fact, there is no involvement between top party leaders and the EGM," he said when contacted.

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