



**RM21.5 mil timber kickbacks: DAP blames BN
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Perak DAP says the poison letter alleging timber concessions totalling RM21.5 million for all DAP Perak elected representatives is another BN attempt to split the party and tarnish its political image.

Party state chief Ngeh Koo Ham (*left*) said in a statement today that the BN is training its radar from PKR to DAP as the Pakatan Rakyat coalition member is on the forefront of exposing the ruling coalition's wrongdoings.

Ngeh, who is also Beruas MP and Sitiawan assemblyperson, dismissed the notion that the poison pen was the work of state party members involved in a recent factional squabbles, saying that the letter had been circulating even before the Oct 1 spat.

This month saw much heated rivalry between opposing camps in the run up to the state party elections where 15 state posts are up for grabs.

Prominent party members Ngeh and his cousin Nga Kor Ming met head to head with party state deputy chief M Kulasegaran, leading to public acrimony.

"I believe the poison letter is not an inside job as speculated by some because (the letter) implicates all MPs and state representatives of the Perak DAP."

"It was circulated before the outburst of M Kulasegaran on the night of 1st October, 2010 when he announced his intention to leave the Perak DAP," he added.

Ngeh revealed that the letter came without an author, date, address or contact number, and said its contents was obviously false.

He added that the letter was addressed to 19 DAP state elected representatives and 6 DAP MPs in Perak, pointing out that DAP has only 18 Perak Aduns.

Allegedly paid RM500,000 for concessions

The letter alleges that all the 6 MPs and 19 Aduns were given timber concessions and that each of them were paid RM500,000 for each of the concessions.

"No one in his right mind would ever believe that YB Lim Kit Siang, myself, YB M Kula, YB Nga Kor Ming, YB Fong Po Kuan and YB M Manogaran and all the other state assemblypersons of the DAP would be involved in such a scandal," he said.



"If anyone has any evidence of any corrupt practice against any DAP elected representative, he can easily sell it to UMNO/BN for a million ringgit each," he said sarcastically.

Ngeh said it is very obvious that the letter was meant to damage the DAP and Pakatan's bid to gain the people's trust in their bid to regain the state in the next general election.

He added that since the Pakatan state administration's records are available to the BN government that took over control of the state in Feb 2009, they had nothing to hide.

"If there is evidence of corruption, they (the BN) would have exposed it long time ago. The police and the MACC would have been after us a long time ago," he said.

He argued that on the contrary, the Pakatan Perak government received an unprecedented 4 Star excellent performance rating from the Auditor General's Office for its brief tenure.

"I believe, just like the demonstration by a group of protestors - who had claimed to be DAP members but were not - in front of the DAP Perak on Oct 6, it is the work of the BN or its supporters," said Ngeh.

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