

'Underhand transfers' of voters in Perak
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Another war of words has erupted between Pakatan Rakyat and Barisan Nasional in Perak over allegations of underhand transfers of voters from their registered electoral constituencies, as speculation heats up that a snap general election will be called in March next year.

DAP state chief Ngeh Koo Ham and Perak Pakatan chief Mohammad Nizar Jamaluddin today accused BN of being "the unseen hand" behind the transfer of voters from Nizar's Pasir Panjang state constituency to Ngeh's Sitiawan state constituency.

Ngeh said the transfer of voters was to deny Nizar's chances of winning his state seat once again to become the Pakatan menteri besar of Perak in the next general election, that Pakatan is confident of winning.

In 2008, Nizar won his state seat by a 4,474 majority while Ngeh won his state seat by 8,529 votes.



Ngeh (*left*) said BN realised that it could not unseat him from his strong DAP seat, so it was concentrating on the weaker Pakatan seat of Pasir Panjang by transferring those who voted for Pakatan to Sitiawan.

He issued a warning to Menteri Besar Zambry Abd Kadir and BN not to divert the people's attention from their involvement in transferring voters from one constituency to another.

"We have also raised the issue of BN being behind removing PAS and PR supporters from the Pengkalan Baharu seat, which the BN won by only 14 votes," Ngeh said.

He said he failed to understand how Zambry could make a media statement on Oct 16 accusing him and Nizar of transferring voters from Ipoh Timor, Ipoh Barat and Batu Gajah to the Sungai Rapat state seat to make BN exco Hamidah Osman lose the seat in the next general election.

Zambry and Hamidah shadow play

Both the Pakatan leaders categorically denied that they or other Pakatan coalition members were involved in the shifting of voters as alleged by Zambry.

Ngeh challenged Zambry (*right*) to answer specifically if the BN was involved in the shifting of voters in Perak, as many voters have reported to Pakatan that the BN was moving them to other constituencies, and that the ruling coalition would "play very dirty" in the coming general election.

"Zambry must not divert the people's attention from the BN's wrong doings," he warned, adding that both Zambry



and Hamidah were involved in shadow play.

"I have information that Hamidah is no longer popular with the voters of Sungai Rapat and is finding an excuse to move out and contest in Hulu Kinta," said the DAP leader.

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