

Ng Suee Lim: Noh Omar not fit for high office
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DAP's Sekinchan assemblyperson Ng Suee Lim today hit out at Tanjung Karang Umno division chief Noh Omar, who is the agriculture minister, calling him a thug with a "kampung mentality".

NONENg (centre in pic), who suffered a concussion from an alleged attack by some 30 men in Sawah Sempadan in Noh's constituency four days ago, said it is his duty as a Selangor assemblyperson to visit and listen to the grouses and needs of all of the people in Selangor, regardless of the location.

"As an elected representative, even if I am from Sekinchan I give concern to all areas in Selangor. Noh Omar said I went into his area, so I was assaulted," he said at the Selangor state assembly after the tabling of the 2011 budget.

NONE"I was going as a Selangor elected representative, so it is compulsory for me to listen to problems from all of Selangor."

When contacted earlier by Malaysiakini, Noh had told off Ng, saying jangan kurang ajar (don't be insolent) and jangan datang ke kawasan orang lain (don't come into someone else's territory).

Ng countered that there is nothing to stop him or any elected representative from visiting other areas, especially if it is to help the constituents.

NONE"Where in the federal or state constitution does it say that elected representatives cannot enter certain areas? If that's the case, YB Azmin (Ali) cannot go to Galas to campaign.

"Even (Selangor opposition leader Dr Mohd) Khir Toyo constantly visits Sekinchan to help my constituents and I welcome him, there is no problem.

"This is a borderless world, state assemblypersons and MPs also have no borders. The only border is Noh Omar's kampung mentality... he is a kampung minister who brings a kampung mentality," said Ng.

'Umno practices a culture of violence'

Ng went further to allege that Noh's reaction to the assault and the violence by the 30-odd people, who he claims are Umno Tanjung Karang division members, are a direct manifestation of Umno president and Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak's declaration of laying down their lives to defend Putrajaya.

NONE"Najib at the Umno general assembly said they are willing to sacrifice their lives to defend Putrajaya... the message is to use violence to attack Pakatan Rakyat elected representatives, this is what they practise," he said.

PKR vice-president and Selangor backbenchers whip Azmin Ali meanwhile urged the authorities to take swift action over this incident, saying it shows disappointing behaviour from Umno leaders and members.

"On behalf of the assemblypersons, especially from Pakatan Rakyat in Selangor, we strongly condemn this act of thuggery brought by Umno leaders.

NONE"Ng has filed a police report and provided clear proof that there were senior Umno leaders involved, but until today no action has been taken by the relevant authorities.

"I hope the police can act professionally in this issue, so that such incidents of assault against elected representatives are not repeated... Umno leaders should appreciate the service rendered by the Sekinchan assemblyperson to help farmers who are facing problems."

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