

**Kula's camp routed in Perak DAP polls**  
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DAP deputy secretary-general M Kulasegaran and virtually his entire team were vanquished during today's election for the state party leadership today.

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But other leaders aligned to Kulasegaran (centre in photo) such as incumbent state DAP organising secretary Thomas Su and committee members Seah Leong Peng and Cheong Chee Khing did not make the cut.

About 1,000 state delegates today cast their ballots to choose 15 committee members, who will later assign exco positions among themselves.

The results are far cry from the polls in 2008 that saw Kulasegaran coming out tops while his staunch rivals Ngeh Khoo Ham and Nga Kor Ming were placed fifth and sixth respectively.

Following that election, Ngeh was made state chairperson with Kulasegaran as his deputy. Nga was named as state DAP secretary.

This time around, Nga received the highest number of votes at 621 while Ngeh trailed by only one vote.

Younger candidates rise

Kulasegaran, a party veteran, received only 395 and was beaten by a host of younger candidates.

This included his two political disciples V Sivakumar (549 votes, ninth spot) and A Subramaniam (516 votes, 10th spot) who are now aligned to Ngeh's camp.

Previously, Kulasegaran's camp had accused Ngeh's camp of establishing branches as a means to boost the latter's support base since 2008 while stifling their efforts to do the same.

Each branch sends seven delegates to vote at the party polls.

At today's state DAP congress, the number of delegates have more than tripled from the 306 delegates who voted during the 2008 state party polls.

Following a meeting by the 15 newly elected committee members later this evening, Ngeh announced that Kulasegaran has been co-opted into the new state leadership.

"He is still part of the team," Ngeh told reporters.

The new Perak DAP full lineup is as follows:

Chairperson - Ngeh Khoo Ham

Deputy chairperson - V Sivakumar

Vice chairpersons - M Kulasegaran and A Sivanesan

Secretary - Nga Kor Ming

Assistant secretary - Ong Boon Piow

Treasurer - Lim Pek Har

Organising secretary - Teh Hock Kee

Assistant organising secretary - A Sivasubramaniam

Publicity chief - Wong Kah Woh

Assistant publicity chief - Yong Choo Kiong

Political education chief - Teh Kok Lim

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