

Kula: No moral victory for winners of 'slaughter'
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Former Perak DAP deputy chief M Kulasegaran has expressed shock and disappointment with his defeat in the party's state elections held yesterday and that of many linked to his faction.

dap tussle 091010 a sivanesan m kulasegaran "It was also a very painful day for me," said the Ipoh Barat member of parliament in a blog posting this morning.

This follows what Kulasegaran said was a "slaughter" of "capable, committed and dedicated comrades" who had contested against candidates who "had no track record and were lesser or hardly known within and outside the party."

"There have been questions about the entitlement of about 50 branches to send 350 delegates to the (state party) convention, and this will definitely cast doubt on whether the winners have the right to claim moral authority of their victory," said the lawyer.

"The results of the Perak DAP elections held yesterday came as a shock to me. It was also a very painful day for me," Kulasegaran said further.

"It was shocking because capable and dedicated leaders like saudara (comrade) Thomas Su, saudara Seah Long Peng and saudara Frankie Wong were heavily defeated," he added.

While Kulasegaran said he accepts his defeat, he is "pained, though, by such setback."

His remarks also put to question as to whether he or those in his faction would accept the offer made by the winning team of Ngeh Koo Ham and Nga Kor Ming to bring them into the state party leadership.

Kulasegaran and former Perak DAP vice-chief A Sivanesan, who also lost in yesterday's polls, were offered yesterday the positions of state party vice-chairmanship.

"I have played my part and offered my olive branch, but sad to say, the top leaders' efforts had failed as their success would require willingness from both sides to cooperate for the larger interest," he said.

Nonetheless, Kulasegaran added, feedback and views from other party leaders and grassroots members as well as supporters will be sought on whether the offer by Ngeh and Nga would be accepted.

"Among the factors which I shall like to find out is how best I continue to play an effective role in state politics.