

Teng, Liu can bring witnesses for disciplinary hearing
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KUALA LUMPUR - Selangor DAP stalwarts Ronnie Liu and Teng Chang Khim, who have been summoned to face the party's disciplinary committee Thursday, are allowed to bring their own witnesses.

Both leaders were allowed to bring their respective witnesses without any restriction during the hearing at the party headquarters in Petaling Jaya, said Tan Kok Wai, the committee chairman Wednesday.

"We are open about it. They can bring their witnesses, as many they want. We have no problem about it. Once the hearing is over, we will announce the decision," he told Bernama.

Pandamaran state assemblyman Liu, who is also Selangor state executive councillor, was summoned to face the committee over letters of support.

Teng, the Selangor State Assembly speaker, was asked to explain his tweet "OMG! Real culprit freed" which he made after the committee announced its decision to sack DAP Selangor secretary Tee Boon Hock for allegedly issuing several support letters using Liu's letterhead.

Tee, also a Klang councillor, was accused of misusing Liu's letterhead to secure contracts from the Klang Municipal Council for his family members and cronies.

After the sacking, Liu lodged a police report on Aug 2 as he claimed that there had been misuse of letterheads and letters of support without his knowledge.

However, after it was reported that two new letters of support bearing the signatures of Liu had emerged, in addition to the three which Liu had handed over to the police when he lodged a report on Aug 2, he had suspended three of his aides.

According to the report, Liu had maintained that the letters of support were signed without his knowledge while Tee, in an inquiry held on July 31, claimed that the letters were signed with Liu's knowledge.

Besides the duo, the committee has also invited representatives from 15 companies, which had allegedly been awarded state government contracts, to help the committee during its hearing tomorrow.

Besides Tan, the disciplinary committee comprises its deputy chairman and Penang Deputy Chief Minister Dr P. Ramasamy, M. Kulasegaran, Lim Hock Seng and Tai Sing Piau.

After the committee's hearing, the DAP central executive committee is scheduled to hold a meeting at the same place, and is expected to discuss, among other things, Tee's appeal against his sacking from the party over the letterhead controversy.

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