

SUPP to quit BN is just drama, says DAP MP
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KUCHING - MP for Kuching, Chong Chieng Jen, said the talk of SUPP getting out of Barisan Nasional is like a drama. He said it could be just a tactic or if really there is some serious pondering of the getting out, it is due to the disagreement of policy.

Chong said the SUPP need not talk so much but make a stand and announce it to the people before talking of quitting the BN. He said if they are serious, they should make a stand on:

1. The State government monopoly on contracts which was only given to one or two families and has been going on for more than 10 years.
2. The automatic free land renewal upon expiry which was generally accepted by the people
3. The Chinese education allocation which was never given since the forming of Malaysia especially the Independent Chinese schools or the recognition of the Chinese Exam C.

Stating that he wants a list of their stand and announced it to the media, Chong said he would only comment on the SUPP quitting issue.

He added that SUPP which has been with the BN for the past 40 years has never raised its objections on the policies of the BN.

"When land renewal rates were high, they even encourage the people to pay up as it is considered cheap and that was three years ago," he said.

Pointing out that SUPP will not dare speak the truth to speak to the Chief Minister, he said how could they talk about getting out.

In local papers today, SUPP Secretary General, Senator Sim Kheng Hui remained mum on why the SUPP leaders met with the UMNO leaders in KL last week.

He said he knew of grassroots sentiments who wanted to get out of the BN. SUPP lost 8 of its 19 seats in the last State election in 2006.

When it lost in the Sibujay by-election in May to DAP, the party has suffered more humiliation with even component party calling it a 'mosquito party'.

When contacted by MM just now, Sim said he preferred not to talk about quitting BN.

"I would rather say we are getting the help of our component party to solve certain issues like land and education," he said.

He said a gag order has been issued to the party as not to create more mess. Only he and the President, George Chan, were allowed to talk to the press.

Sim said he did not want to talk about the KL trip but said it was a matter concerning the future of the party.

Quitting is not that easy, he added, saying that it will not happen in a night or day as there are pros and cons to it.

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