

Wong meets Wong and ended up in shouting match
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SIBU - Temper flared Monday between DAP Chairman Wong Ho Leng and Minister for Public Health and Environment Wong Soon Koh over the dredging issue.

The 11th minute meeting occurred at DAP SibU office when Soon Koh with about seven others wanted to get the dredging report prepared by overseas companies from Ho Leng at 11am Monday.

Soon Koh was allowed to go up to the office with MP for Lanang Tiong Thai King and State Assemblyman for Pahlawan, Vincent Goh, while the rest of his entourage waited below.

The meeting between the two Wongs started off cordially but ended up with both sides shouting at each other.

Soon Koh told Ho Leng that he only wanted the two reports on dredging and confirmation that Penang and Selangor were paid by contractors who did the dredging.

Ho Leng told Soon Koh that he need to sit down first, the latter refused and said it is more polite to stand up. Soon Koh said he only wants the two reports and not there to discuss anything else.

When Ho Leng asked him to sit down first and they would discuss on anything, Soon Koh repeated his intention. Ho Leng then shouted at him to sit down first and they talk. That got Soon Koh to shout back what he wants and said if he can't get his reports, he is going.

He then walked off with Goh and Tiong. There were about 100 people including reporters and Special Branch officers at the DAP office.

The quarrel between the two Wongs started when SibU was flooded a week ago. Soon Koh wanted the Federal Drainage Irrigation Department to ask for RM30 million to dredge the bottleneck at Sg. Sadit and Kerto.

Ho Leng said in Penang and Selangor, the contractors have to pay the state governments and that RM30 million would be put to good use for education and infrastructure for SibU people.

Soon Koh said he would give the dredging contracts as a "present" to Ho Leng if he is such an expert and Ho Leng accepted it saying whether Soon Koh has the authority to do so.

This prompted the meeting between them this morning.

As Soon Koh was walking out of the office, a DAP member shouted for the licence asking if the CM would be willing to give them to the DAP to look for contractors to do the dredging.

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