

DAP and SUPP in spat over Taib issue
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KUCHING - Another dustup ensued between DAP and SUPP on Monday. This time it was over the issue of the Sarawak Chief Minister's remark recently that he would step down if he is not wanted by the people.

DAP treasurer Violet Yong called for SUPP to make a stand on whether they are for or against Taib Mahmud retiring, saying the people of Sarawak have a right to know as all the other BN coalition partners, PBB, SPDP and PRS, had made known their stand, calling Taib to continue to lead the state.

"Why is SUPP so silent on the matter?" she asked.

SUPP secretary-general Sim Kheng Hui shot back, saying that Yong is a young politician and still have a lot to learn.

Earlier, the DAP and SUPP were engaged in a mud-slinging match over the dredging issue in Sibu involving DAP chairman Wong Ho Leng and Minister for Public Health and Environment Wong Soon Koh.

Sim said SUPP had done a lot for the people since the 2006 State election where they lost eight seats. Sim himself, an assistant minister at that time, lost to first-timer candidate Yong by a majority of 4372.

Although nothing is perfect, Sim said they have done with some results on land lease issues, Chinese school education and the NCR land issues.

"We will continue to serve the people," he said.

Pointing out that Yong claimed that SUPP had not done anything, he said it was an unfair judgment.

Asking DAP to tackle their own internal problems, Sim said the SUPP will make known their stand on the Taib issue at the right time and right place and not only when the DAP asked for it.

Yong, in a press conference Monday, said all she wanted was for the SUPP to make a stand as they are part of the government.

"What happens within DAP is not important but it's more important for a coalition party to make a stand on a hot issue such as the CM's retiring. . . The people want to know." she pointed out.

When asked what is the DAP's stand, Yong said the DAP wants a new government as the present government has not been transparent or people friendly. She added that Sim was "not brave enough to make his stand".

Yong accused Sim of wanting to divert the issue by saying DAP has internal problems. She said Sim should stand in front of the mirror and asked himself if he and his party are sincere in fighting for the cause of the people.

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