

**DAP letter scandal: One sacked, another suspended**  
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KLANG - The DAP-linked support letter scandal in Klang resulted in two more casualties with the expulsion of a party member and the suspension of another.

Pasar Pandamaran DAP branch chairman Yap Hock Siew was expelled by the party disciplinary committee whilst the branchs vice-chairman Ong Chai Huat was suspended for two years.

Yap, who is also the Pandamaran new village headman, landed on the chopping block for issuing a support letter to his company to obtain work from the Klang Municipal Council (MPK).

Ong was Yap's partner in the company which was formed soon after Pakatan Rakyat took over the state administration in the 2008 general election.

Yap had issued the letter in his capacity as the village headman on June 17 this year and claimed he had wanted the business for his village development and safety committee to help pay the utility bills for village facilities.

He had also alleged he had issued the support letter with the endorsement of state exco member Ronnie Liu.

14 days to appeal

Disciplinary committee chairman Tan Kok Wai said in a media statement that the duo have 14 days to appeal against the expulsion and suspension.

He added action had been taken against both Yap and Ong for breaching party discipline.

Yap and Ong were found to have committed a direct conflict of interest, said Tan in the statement.

When contacted Yap, who joined the DAP in 2000, said he did not know whether he would appeal against the expulsion or not.

If asked if he felt he had been unjustly treated by being expelled from the party, Yap said:

"There is no point pondering over the matter. What has happened has happened."

Yap also added he was yet to be informed by the DAP headquarters of his expulsion.

Yap's expulsion and Ong's suspension comes not long after former Selangor DAP organising secretary Tee Boon Hock got the boot for issuing support letters for family and friends to secure contracts from MPK.

He was accused to have done so in his capacity as a Klang councillor.

Tee has since alleged that he was victimised by some party members.

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