

**Guan Eng slams circular warning 'an act of finding scapegoat'**  
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PETALING JAYA - DAP Secretary-General Lim Guan Eng has claimed that blaming principles and teachers in the recent spark of racist remarks is "an act of finding a scapegoat."

According to Lim, the issuance of a circular by Education Ministry's Director-General Alimuddin Mohd Dom failed to address the core racial and religion problems in society.

But it has shown that "something is seriously wrong" with our education system, said the Bagan MP who is Penang Chief Minister in a statement Monday.

The circular issued by Alimuddin Mohd Dom, dated Aug 26, warned that action would be taken against teachers and principles who made racist remarks.

Lim said the school staff should be aware of the basic principles of their vocation on the first day of their job.

"It is such a shameful situation where teachers have to be reminded that racism is both wrong and bad. What will the students think?" Lim said.

Lim suggested that in future any issuance of circular or warning should be directed to Umno or in particular to the Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister Muhyiddin Yassin.

Lim blamed the Deputy Prime Minister, saying that, "If Muhyiddin continues to tolerate racist behaviour among Umno leaders and members, it is not surprising that it has infected the civil service, including school principals and teachers."

"Racism is beyond party politics; it is a cancer that can destroy all of us, regardless of one's creed, colour and class," declared Lim who is concerned for the future gene — MM

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