

**Perak DAP crisis worsens**  
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IPOH –The Perak DAP crisis took a turn for the worse when its deputy chairman M. Kulasegaran threatened to resign in a power tussle with the "Ngeh-Nga" cousins.

Kulasegaran on Saturday called off his press conference at Wisma DAP in Medan Istana, believed to have been at the behest of the party's top leadership.

The press conference was cancelled five minutes before it was scheduled to start at 10.30am.

Kulasegaran, who is Ipoh Barat Member of Parliament, was reported to have wanted to hold the press conference to expose the efforts taken by the "Ngeh-Nga" cousins (Perak DAP chairman Datuk Ngeh Khoo Ham and secretary Nga Kor Ming) to weaken leaders who could not see eye-to-eye with them.

Kulasegaran was also expected to voice his dissatisfaction over the state DAP leadership and announce his resignation as state deputy chairman at the press conference.

When contacted by *Bernama*, he said he was advised to go on leave by the party's leadership.

Kulasegaran also gave a week for the relevant parties to solve the crisis as he left for a holiday overseas.

Meanwhile, Perak Mentri Besar Dr Zambry Abdul Kadir described the DAP crisis as "scabies which had turned into larger and ugly sores".

"What is happening in the party shows the true colours of the leaders, who, all this while, have been putting up an act in front of the people.

"They are only concerned about their personal agendas and not so much for the people who support them," he told reporters after opening the 3rd National Retired Malaysian Naval Officers Association (RMNOA) Conference and Hari Raya do here Saturday.

Meanwhile, Umno made use of the DAP instability to its advantage.

The squabbles should show the people where they stand between Barisan Nasional and the Opposition, said Umno vice-president Hishammuddin Hussein.

While promoting Umno as a party the people could bank on, he reminded the party to work hard to win the hearts of the people.

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