

DAP Soliciting Donation Is Power Abuse

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Sin Chew Jit Poh (4 Dec '11) had reported that names of DAP Members of Parliament, state Assemblymen and municipal councillors had been used to issue letters to developers soliciting for donation for DAP political party election fund.

This matter is serious as it appears that DAP is asserting pressure on developers to donate, thereby sparking a crisis.

If the letters were sent merely to request for sponsorship to fund DAP in the coming General Elections, why did the authors use their official status, and not their party positions?

There would be no crisis if they had used their party positions. If the DAP Members of Parliament, state Assemblymen and municipal councillors do not lack sensitivity, then it appears that DAP purposely intended to cause stress to the developers to compel them to donate when the latter should not have to bear the stress.

This exposé on the inappropriate tactics adopted by DAP against developers confirms suspicions that DAP Members of Parliament, state Assemblymen and municipal councillors had abused their authority.

There is necessity to stop such method of fundraising, and give an explanation to the developers. Furthermore, if it is for a voluntary donation, then why did the letter request for RM5,000?

Donations should be defined as the donor determining the amount of funds to be donated, depending on their financial ability and should not be forced onto.

This method of fundraising should be discouraged. Furthermore, Penang Exco Chow Kon Yeow admitted that the letters were not specifically addressed to developers or people from specific fields, but at the same time, they were also addressed to people in other industries, division leaders and traders.

Where and how DAP did obtain the information of the prospective donors and is there any invasion of privacy in this issue?

These have yet to be discussed.

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