

DAP Must Show Its Clout In PR
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DAP constantly presents itself as a 'clean', virtuous party to the public. However, within the Pakatan Rakyat coalition, we see that they are unable to play a very effective role as they are unable to prevent the Pakatan Rakyat representatives in the Kedah state government from taking a 30% cut from allocations to local Chinese associations.

After this scandal was exposed by two local Chinese organizations, DAP had attempted to push the blame away, and the Kedah Menteri Besar Azizan Abdul Razak had claimed ignorance. Obviously there are a lot of hidden things going on behind our backs. DAP should thus use its influence in Pakatan Rakyat to investigate the matter and to reveal the truth to the public. Those who have done wrong should also be dealt with.

Even if they claim that they were just working as 'assistants' or are only 'passing the message', they have in the process become accomplices to this crime. These facts cannot be ignored. DAP proudly touts their CAT policy of competency, accountability and transparency. Therefore I challenge them now to uphold these principles.

By investigating the scandal, DAP will also prove that they do have a speaking voice within Pakatan Rakyat. Although this issue has made the front page on many newspapers and an online portal, yet no one within Pakatan Rakyat has stood up to take responsibility over the matter. This is in contrast with DAP's claimed commitment to transparency, anti-corruption and anti-fraud!

If DAP and their Pakatan Rakyat allies continue to remain silent on this, it will only be added to a long line of failures of the Kedah state government which includes the shutting down of the sole pig abattoir in Kedah, the implementation of the 50% Bumiputra housing quota in Alor Setar, and the attempted decision by the Kulim municipal council to force entertainment outlet operators to renew their licences one year in advance instead of every month as practised earlier on. These are but a few of the various policies implemented after Pakatan Rakyat took over the state government which are unfair to the non-Muslim communities in Kedah.

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