

Guan Eng Practises False Democracy
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DAP's constant use of gag orders shows that it practises false democracy and dictatorship when it used internal channels to rid party dissidents as well as to suppress the freedom of speech.

DAP Secretary General Lim Guan Eng always talks about transparency, fairness and justice. However, his instruction to DAP National Chairman Karpal Singh to stop airing his views and grouses is proof that Guan Eng practises autocracy instead as he does not hesitate to rebuke his own party's chairman.

Guan Eng's actions in ordering Karpal Singh to keep internal problems within the party are in direct contrast to his earlier promises. He has ignored the process of fairness and transparency, and even his own chairman was not spared from warnings and threats of disciplinary actions. Thus we can see that DAP is putting the cart before the horse when Guan Eng can impose a gag order on Karpal Singh but he himself is free to talk to the media.

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The fact that Karpal Singh had decided to discuss this issue publicly shows that the problem has reached a breaking point. On the other hand, Guan Eng is trying to conceal the internal problems of the party and has turned a blind eye to the DAP Chairman, thus proving that Guan Eng is trying to deceive the people that the issue has been solved internally.

Although DAP has been in control of Penang for only four years, they still party interest above the rakyat. Their old method of resolving any topics and events of interest to the party internally and the selective processing of issues which are favourable to the party can no longer work to convince the people. DAP's approach to quickly resolve the issue of Ramasamy's allegations of corruption within the party is an example of selective processing.

The so-called harmony within DAP is non-existent and is only an attempt to deceive the public using political means, but what the rakyat want is an open and transparent way of handling disputes involving political parties and state governments. Thus, Karpal Singh's allegations on the party's infighting also involve the public's right to know, and on this issue, Malaysians will not compromise.

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