

**Guan Eng's Supposed Deference To Karpal A Mere Ploy**  
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DAP Secretary-General Lim Guan Eng's claims that DAP National Chairman Karpal Singh will lead the party in the coming general election was only made in an attempt to whitewash the contradictions which exists in the party.

In order to appease the feelings of suspicion and dissatisfaction within the ranks, and to cover up the dispute between DAP Deputy Secretary-General Dr P Ramasamy and Karpal Singh, Guan Eng had to resort to saying that Karpal Singh was the decision-maker in DAP.

However, the fact that Guan Eng could impose a gag order onto Karpal Singh ordering him not to air his grouses to the media when the latter had brought up his dissatisfaction with DAP's disciplinary committee shows that Karpal is virtually powerless.

In DAP, it is obvious that the one who wields the power is the Secretary-General. Thus, it is also conceivable to conclude that Guan Eng will be the one who will lead DAP's charge in the coming elections. Guan Eng has inadvertently revealed during this recent party crisis that he is the one with power, and the more Guan Eng tries to stem any internal conflicts it becomes more and more obvious.

Dissent within DAP's ranks has been growing for some time now, and just because Guan Eng had declared the spat over, it does not mean that the storm has subsided. DAP, in their typical fashion, had merely imposed a gag order to prevent any news of internal bickering from making the media's headlines.

Guan Eng's intentions for hiding this truth might be to allow him to take credit for any victory Pakatan Rakyat might manage to garner in the coming general election, and conversely to pass any blame and responsibility to Karpal should DAP not fare too well.

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