

# Nazri's allegation unfounded, says Kit Siang

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**PETALING JAYA:** Opposition leader Lim Kit Siang denied yesterday that he had influence over the chairman of the Parliamentary Select Committee on Integrity, Tan Sri Bernard Dompok.

Lim, who is the committee's deputy chairman, said the allegation by Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Nazri Aziz was un-

founded.

"Nazri is giving the impression that Dompok was so under my influence that he was virtually a robot and was only doing my bidding," he said.

"Nazri should stop acting as the self-appointed super-chairman of the select committee.

"I had no such influence. I agree with Dompok's re-

sponse that Nazri's statement was a 'cheap shot'."

On Wednesday, Dompok, who is also Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, resigned as chairman of the committee.

He said as a cabinet minister, he was unable to perform his tasks as chairman independently.

Following his resignation,

Nazri commented that Dompok had been strongly influenced by Lim, who is the DAP MP for Ipoh Timur.

According to Nazri, the Barisan Nasional committee members had told him of Lim's influence over Dompok.

Dompok responded by describing Nazri's remarks as a "cheap shot", saying he had already given his reasons at a

cabinet meeting in Nazri's presence.

At a press conference at the DAP headquarters yesterday, Lim questioned why members of the select committee had seen fit to confide in Nazri.

"Who are these 'BN members' who had reported to him? This is a gross breach of parliamentary privilege because parliamentary select

committees can only report to parliament, not even to the minister in charge of parliamentary affairs.

"I will propose a motion at the June meeting of parliament to refer this matter to the Committee of Privileges which can investigate all members of the select committee as well as Nazri himself so the real truth can come out."