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# DAP member calls Dr M a snake, pimp

**TIRADE:** Remarks  
stun delegates at  
Penang DAP's  
annual convention

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**A**N outspoken DAP grassroots member used the terms "ular" (snake) and "bapak ayam" (pimp) to refer to Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad during a fiery debate session at the party's annual state convention yesterday.

Shamsher Singh Thind from the Chai Leng Park branch stunned DAP delegates when he went on a verbal rampage against the former prime minister.

"The stupidest statement I have heard (about Dr Mahathir) is that 'the enemy of my enemy is my friend'. Mahathir is not the enemy of my enemy. He is my enemy," he said.

Shamsher asked DAP veterans if they felt ashamed when they shook hands with Dr Mahathir.

"Why is he coming to DAP and Bersih now? Because he is afraid that if the opposition wins (the general election), we will expose everything. It's like wanting to save a whore, but he is the pimp who turned the woman into a whore."

His tirade earned a rebuke from party secretary-general Lim Guan Eng, who ticked him off for using derogatory words.

He was ordered to withdraw his

remarks. However, he stood his ground in a brief verbal exchange with Lim. His antics stunned the 300-odd delegates and media members attending the event.

Shamsher said Pakatan Harapan had failed like its defunct predecessor Pakatan Rakyat due to intense infighting.

"DAP and PKR were pitted against each other in six state seats in Sarawak recently. The multi-cornered fights should not have happened despite Pakatan's presidential council having a final say in the selection of candidates," he said.

He, however, had a change of heart and withdrew both remarks after state committee members joined in the fray to ask him to retract the statements.

Shamsher said he retracted the two words out of respect to Lim as the secretary-general.

"The instruction should come from the convention speaker and not secretary-general, who is only a representative from the central executive committee."

Among the topics raised by 13 grassroots members in the debate were the plight of the Indian community, a proposal to limit DAP local councillors to two terms and a six-month dialogue session with grassroots members.

In a press conference after the debate, on the matter raised by Shamsher, Lim said he, too, should be angry as he had been jailed during Dr Mahathir's tenure as prime minister. However, he said, they should not resort to personal attacks.

"We hope those sort of words would not be used and Shamsher had retracted his words," Lim said.



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Singh Thind**

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