

**Umno man seeks apology from two Chinese dailies**  
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**GEORGE TOWN: Penang Umno liaison committee deputy chairman Datuk Musa Sheikh Fadzir is seeking an apology from Kwong Wah Yit Poh and Guang Ming Daily for allegedly misquoting him in their reports on the Umno general assembly.**

He said the apology must be published on the front page of both Chinese dailies within seven days, failing which he would proceed with further action against the papers.

Musa said the Chinese dailies must also apologise to Penang Umno and Penang Barisan Nasional for trying to pit him against his friends in BN component parties.

The front-page and page 24 reports in Kwong Wah and page eight report in Guang Ming on Dec 3 quoted Musa as suggesting that BN only needed to field Umno candidates to contest in the 13th general election as it could not depend on other component parties to re-capture the state.

"This is clearly an attempt to pit me against my friends in BN component parties and I condemn such a move.

"I categorically deny making such a statement... the two Chinese dailies have printed lies and falsehood," he said here yesterday.

Present were state Umno liaison committee secretary Datuk Azhar Ibrahim and Musa's lawyer, Abu Bakar Datuk Sidek.

Musa said he had the full recording of his speech to prove what he had actually said.

He added that he had merely touched on the issues faced by Penang Umno.

"I was not talking about the Malay race in particular but on the larger picture involving Penang people.

"I had also made comparisons that despite Umno winning so many seats in previous general elections, we have never demanded for the chief ministership because we are aware of the formula we have agreed upon. I said Umno has never stabbed its friends from behind," he stressed.

Musa said the state Umno liaison committee had a good relationship with BN component parties and that the party respected the spirit of camaraderie.

"When the reports appeared, I received many telephone calls asking me what I actually said and I thank them for checking with me first. This shows that our relationship now is stronger than ever."

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