

Penang DAP feud worsens
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Karpal loyalist calls Ramasamy 'blatant liar' and warns of further revelations

THE feud between Penang DAP leaders has escalated with an assemblyman calling on Deputy Chief Minister II P. Ramasamy "a blatant liar" and warned that the latter should be prepared for "all hell to break loose" at the party convention this Sunday.

Seri Delima assemblyman R.S.N. Rayer said he would reveal all about who Ramasamy was and also disclose "how effective" the latter had been as an assemblyman and member of parliament.

"If it is a war he wants, tell him to brace for one. We will settle this at the state DAP convention this Sunday," Rayer said.

The fiery politician also did not mince his words in rebuking Ramasamy over allegations that he (Rayer) was making a lot of noise just to "curry favour" with DAP chairman Karpal Singh.

Rayer said he made no apologies being a "Karpal loyalist" and would not tolerate anyone showing disrespect to the party stalwart.

"Unlike Ramasamy who only joined the party in 2007, I have been working with and supporting Karpal for the last 15 years.

"I know how to respect senior leaders because I too have been in the party for a long time," he said.

An opposition-linked news portal yesterday quoted Ramasamy as blaming Rayer and DAP Bagan division deputy chairman A. Tanasekharan, who is also Bagan Dalam assemblyman, for kicking up a storm over the "godfathers" remark he had made.

Ramasamy was quoted as saying that the two leaders were stooping so low to attack him because they may need Karpal's help (in the coming general election) as both of them do not have grassroots support.

"These YBs (Yang Berhormat) don't do much constituency work, so they depend on senior leaders for support," Ramasamy was quoted as saying.

However, Rayer dismissed such claims and instead blamed Ramasamy for being the one in need of help to regain his seats in the coming general election.

"If there is anybody who has not done any work, it is him. Otherwise, why are there demonstrations being held in his constituencies? It only goes to show that Ramasamy is the one who is not doing work as the state assemblyman in Prai and member of parliament for Batu Kawan," Rayer said.

On Ramasamy's denial that he had "begged" for the post of Penang Deputy Chief Minister II after the 2008 general election, Rayer said the DAP deputy secretary-general was a "blatant liar" for not admitting what had really happened.

Rayer said there were several witnesses who saw Ramasamy begging for the post and it happened at the first class ward where Karpal was admitted at that time.

Meanwhile, Karpal, when contacted, said Ramasamy had yet to get in touch with him, let alone apologise over the "godfathers" remark which had rocked the Penang DAP.

"He has not contacted me although he said he would. We will leave it at that for now," he said yesterday.

The row between the DAP leaders began when Karpal said that the DAP should not have warlords who went around promising and announcing seats for their cronies ahead of the central executive committee's decision.

Ramasamy responded by saying that while the DAP should not have warlords, there should also not be any "godfathers" in the party.

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