

**DAP's Nga eats crow over Zambry slur**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 30 — Perak DAP leader Nga Kor Ming today apologised to Mentri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abd Kadir for referring to the latter as “metallic black”, after his remarks caused uproar among the Indian community.

“To all who feel offended by my [aforementioned] remarks, I wish to say sorry and apologise to them including Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abd Kadir,” he said in a statement here.

But the Taiping MP and former state executive councillor continued to insist his words had been taken out context, claiming the phrase “metallic black” was in reference to Zambry and Barisan Nasional’s (BN) allegedly unconstitutional takeover of the Perak government.

As such, he stressed that his apology should not be interpreted as an endorsement of the “illegal power grab by BN which all Malaysians must oppose and must never forget.”

“I will continue to fight any form of undemocratic regime in this country. I will continue to soldier on,” he wrote.

Nga added he regards all Malaysians as his “brothers and sisters”, including Zambry, and cherishes the country’s diversity.

“I have no hatred against him personally but I will never recognise him as menteri besar simply because he does not have the mandate from the rakyat,” he said.

In explaining his statement, which was uploaded to video sharing site YouTube by pro-BN bloggers, Nga referred to Perak PR’s “1 Black Perak” campaign, which was launched after BN’s February 2009 takeover.

The Perak PR government, which was formed when the opposition parties of DAP, PKR and PAS won the state with 31 seats in Election 2008, was toppled a year later when three assemblymen defected to become “BN-friendly” Independents.

A year-long constitutional impasse, involving numerous legal battles and street protests, ensued but BN’s Zambry stayed in power after the court ruled him as the rightful menteri besar.

“In that context, I (had) said that: ‘Kini negeri Perak ada Menteri Besar Hitam Metalic yang haram dan masuk ke pejabat SUK menerusi pintu belakang menaiki kapal selam Najib’. [Translation: “Now, Perak has a metallic black menteri besar who entered office through the back door by riding in Najib’s submarine”]

“In absolutely no circumstance did my speech refer to skin colour or Indian race as it simply means the menteri besar is illegal and the state government is unlawful,” Nga explained.

“As I always believe, the only legitimate government in the world is the ‘government from the people, by the people and for the people’.

"Anything that falls short of that shall not be legitimate and must be chastised," Nga said, adding that his speech had been spun out of context by "BN cyber troopers" and the irresponsible media.

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