

Karpal-Ramasamy "Godfather-Warlord" Spat Resolved, Says DAP
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 15 (Bernama) -- The "godfather-warlord" spat between DAP chairman Karpal Singh and Penang Deputy Chief Minister II Prof P. Ramasamy has been resolved, according to a statement issued by the DAP today.

The statement, issued by the three-man panel tasked by the party's central executive committee (CEC) to resolve the issue, said the spat has been settled and the party is looking to move forward.

The panel comprised party veteran Lim Kit Siang, life advisor Dr Chen Man Hin and secretary-general Lim Guan Eng.

The spat erupted on Nov 28 after a vernacular daily reported Ramasamy as naming three individuals as DAP candidates in the next general election.

Karpal Singh responded by saying that it was not Ramasamy's place to select the candidates and that the party had no room for warlords. Ramasamy replied that the party could do without godfathers.

The spat got worse during the Penang DAP convention last weekend, with Karpal Singh demanding an apology and Ramasamy refusing to do so.

Some of Ramasamy's supporters held a demonstration against Karpal Singh at the convention.

This prompted the party leadership, at its CEC meeting on Tuesday, to set up the three-man panel to resolve the matter.

The panel's statement also said that the daily retracted the report on Wednesday and its editor has issued a correction of the Nov 28 news report.

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