

**Guan Eng questions Umno's logic behind dominant DAP claim**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 4 — Lim Guan Eng challenged today Umno's charge against the DAP by portraying it as the dominant party in the Pakatan Rakyat (PR) pact.

Lim, who is DAP secretary-general, pointed out that his party had the least number of contests compared to its two allies in PR, PKR and PAS, which stood 97 candidates and 66 candidates respectively in the 2008 general elections.

"How can a party contesting in just 47 seats lead PR? This is clearly a dangerous racial game to incite hatred and fear against the DAP and the non-Malays," he said while opening the Penang state DAP Wanita congress in George Town today.

A copy of his speech was emailed to The Malaysian Insider.

"To cover up their weaknesses in financial irregularities in BN, Umno had used its last weapon which is to play up racial and religious issues against the DAP, Christians, the Chinese community, and DAP voters," he (picture) added, referring to Umno's general assembly that ended yesterday.

During the five-day-long Umno assembly, the ruling Barisan Nasional (BN) coalition's Malay party had concentrated its attacks on the DAP and warned that should PR come to power in the next polls coming soon, the next prime minister will be a leader from the Chinese-majority opposition party.

"Today, our country and state are in a state of change. At the federal level, we are facing a moral crisis which does not only involve widespread corruption, but is also tainted by the supremacy agenda and racial rhetoric.

"Today, the country is at its critical point because of the Umno-Barisan Nasional administration which is not transparent. The weak leadership by Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak had caused the transformation agenda to fail," Lim said.

The Penang chief minister pointed to the Auditor-General in his 2010 report criticising the federal government for overspending RM3.7 billion.

He also highlighted the RM250 million "cow and condo" scandal linked to Women, Family and Community Affairs Minister, Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil.

"Even Umno MP (Datuk) Bung Mokhtar (Radin) who is known to insult women who can't drive and would say things that are inappropriate, can be seen as a hero for asking the women's minister to resign," Lim said.

The Bagan MP said his party and the PR pact had proven themselves capable of taking on the BN to govern the country, and pointed to Penang's administrative successes as an example.

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