

Utusan: Let police probe claims surrounding Guan Eng's son
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 23 — Lim Guan Eng should ask police to investigate claims his son molested a girl as the Penang chief minister's denial is not good enough, Utusan Malaysia said today.

The Umno-owned daily pointed out that DAP had "aggressively" demanded probes into issues of public concern before and should allow similar scrutiny of party leaders if it did not want to be seen as biased.

"Since the issue has become a public concern, Guan Eng should ask the police to conduct a thorough investigation to dispel any doubt," said the paper's editors, writing under the Awang Selamat pseudonym.

"A denial is not enough to clear his family's name. An investigation will also ensure justice for all parties. Dignity is the basic right of all people, whether the son of a leader or an ordinary citizen."

Yesterday, Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin also called on Lim to let the police investigate the case.

"If we want to clear this up, we ask the police to investigate. If it's true that it had never happened, what do you have to worry about?" the Umno deputy president said.

Pro-Umno bloggers had claimed that Lim's son had assaulted a 16-year-old schoolmate and tried to escape punishment by using his father's name.

Lim, who is also DAP secretary-general, denied the allegations, saying he was furious with the "barbaric lies" made about his teenage son by "pro-Umno ferocious beasts".

The DAP later said the picture of the purported victim used by pro-Umno bloggers was of 21-year-old chess grandmaster Anya Sun Corke, who is studying at Wellesley College in the US.

On Friday, Corke denied ever having met or heard of Lim's son.

Lim's colleagues in Pakatan Rakyat (PR) also came out strongly in support of the DAP secretary-general against what they call "the lowest gutter politics" seen in decades.

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