

Karpal calls on 'warlords and godfathers' to fight against BN
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SHAH ALAM, Jan 8 — DAP chairman Karpal Singh called on “warlords and godfathers” in the party to fight the ruling Barisan Nasional (BN) a bid to close ranks ahead of general elections.

“Let the warlords and godfathers get together against BN.

“Let me assure the godfathers have a lot of fire in their bellies,” he said at the annual DAP party conference here.

Karpal’s “godfather-warlord” row with Penang Deputy Chief Minister P. Ramasamy was sparked by inaccurate reporting from a Tamil-language newspaper.

DAP has since declared an end to the squabble without punishing either party after Makkal Oosai chief editor M. Rajan had issued a correction on the paper’s November 28 report, admitting that a statement on candidates for the next federal polls had not come from Ramasamy.

“I call upon everyone here, members of the DAP, close ranks. It is Putrajaya, that is where we should precede,” he said.

Karpal said the coming general election was possible a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

“We must trust that opportunity; we may not get that opportunity again, but there must be a leader of substance, and I think we have it in the person of Anwar Ibrahim.

“We, the DAP, will give every ounce we have towards ensuring that the PR wins in the general election,” he told the 700 plus DAP delegates.

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