

DAP tells PKR to explain 'Derga dream'
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ALOR STAR: Kedah DAP chief Lee Guan Aik yesterday demanded his counterpart from Parti Keadilan Rakyat to explain his statement which purportedly told the DAP "to stop dreaming of Derga in the next general election".

Without mincing his words, Lee, who is also Kota Darulaman state assemblyman, accused Datuk Wan Salleh Wan Ahmad of being irresponsible in making the remark.

"Who is he to make such a statement when he and I have agreed after two meetings that we would let our national leaders to decide on Derga?" he said yesterday.

Lee, a first-time state assemblyman and the sole DAP member in the Pas-led state government, said Wan Salleh should clarify his statement which was reported in a Chinese daily on Sunday.

"I will not contact him. He made the statement in the media, so he must explain using the same platform," Lee said.

It was reported that Wan Salleh had told a press conference that the DAP should stop dreaming of fielding a candidate for the Derga state constituency in the next general election.

Lee said Kedah DAP was planning to field candidates for the Alor Star and Padang Serai parliamentary constituencies and six state seats, including Kota Darulaman, in the next general election.

The other five state seats are Bakar Bata, Gurun, Bakar Arang, Lunas and Derga.

When contacted, Wan Salleh claimed he was misquoted by the Chinese daily.

"The seat allocation between PKR and DAP has yet to be decided."

In the last general election, Derga saw a three-cornered fight between Barisan Nasional, DAP and PKR, with BN's Dr Cheah Soon Hai, the state Gerakan chief, winning the seat.

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