

BN Urges Guan Eng To Withdraw Accusations Over Land Issue
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GEORGE TOWN, Jan 20 (Bernama) -- The Penang Barisan Nasional (BN) Friday urged the Pakatan Rakyat state government to withdraw the accusations and allegations hurled against the previous (BN) state government over the issue of land involving owner Tang Hak Ju.

State BN working committee chairman Datuk Dr Teng Hock Nan said the state government under Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng also has to apologise to the people over the allegations and accusations they have made.

"The whole group (state government) has been using this issue and accusing the previous state administration of wrongdoing by calling it a scam, land scandal ... the greatest land scandal.

"The present state government has been continuously misleading the people, continuously giving the wrong information to the people. The only purpose is to smear the name of the previous administration just to gain political mileage," he told a press conference.

In 2001, Tang had leased 4.2 hectares of land in Seberang Prai from the state government, then under the BN administration, which was later found to be privately-owned land.

The case was brought to court and the state government was ordered to pay RM40 million to the applicant. After an appeal, the amount was reduced to RM29.35 million.

Dr Teng said Lim should tell the people that the accusations against the previous (BN) government are not true if he really practises transparency and accountability.

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