

DAP clear Nga of 'lounge-suit' corruption accusations
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KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 16 — The DAP disciplinary committee cleared Pantai Remis assemblyman Nga Kor Ming of any power abuse in the awarding of a lounge suit contract to his wife's company, Bernama Online reported.

Committee chairman Tan Kok Wai said their investigations did not find any evidence he coerced or influenced Ipoh City Hall (MBI) in his capacity as councillor to award the RM14,400 contract to Ethan & Elton — co-owned by Nga's spouse Wong Seow Ching.

Tan said the committee felt the existence of a relationship between parties did not prove wrongdoing meriting an actionable complaint.

He told media their decision at the DAP headquarters here after a three hour meeting.

Three former MBI councillors who were also on the tender board, Frankie Wong and Simon Ng from DAP and PAS's Khairuddin Abd Malik, told the committee that they were not aware Nga's wife was involved with the company when they made their award decision.

Tan added that there were five other bidders along with Ethan and Elton.

The committee also rejected the "minit bebas" (independent minutes) presented to them, because the ex-Mentri Besar and six ex- state excos from the previous Pakatan Rakyat state government have confirmed to the disciplinary committee they have never proposed or discussed the lounge suit contract at their exco meetings.

The committee therefore was of the opinion that Nga (picture) neither did anything corrupt nor breached party discipline.

In the separate issue of a demonstration outside the Penang DAP state convention allegedly backed by Penang deputy chief minister II P. Ramasamy, Tan said the committee had not come to a decision, and that the matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

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