

**Merging will make us stronger, PKR tells DAP**  
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GEORGE TOWN: PKR and DAP should merge to make it harder for PAS to set up an Islamic state and to overcome any dispute on allocation of seats, said Bukit Bendera PKR chief Jason Ong.

"DAP is made up mostly of Chinese members while PKR has a mixture of Malay and Indians. So, it will be a good balance if these parties were to merge.

"Moreover, DAP and PKR have a lot in common and this makes it easier for a merger.

"It will also be easier to make decisions because we will not need to go through the respective party leaders," he told reporters after attending a free haircut programme for Rifle Range residents here yesterday.

Ong, who is also state PKR policy, development and international relations deputy bureau chief, said that although it was PAS' right to promote its ideology for an Islamic state, whether it would materialise or not was another matter

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