

Guan Eng rallies DAP members, says survival at stake in GE-13

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KUALA LUMPUR, March 18 — Lim Guan Eng today called for extra vigilance from DAP members to counter Barisan Nasional's (BN) vote offensive, reminding them that the party's political survival would be at stake in the coming polls.

Predicting that the 13th general election would be the country's "dirtiest" in history, the DAP secretary-general said it was crucial for party members to stay resilient in the face of attacks from the ruling BN pact.

"DAP urges all leaders and members to redouble efforts to ensure that Pakatan Rakyat (PR) wins the next general elections so that DAP can remain a party in power in state governments and hopefully in the Federal government too.

"The danger signals are evident that the 13th general election will be the dirtiest in Malaysian history," Lim said in a statement here in conjunction with DAP's 46th anniversary today.

The Penang Chief Minister took a swipe at BN leaders for allegedly using money politics and misusing government machinery to shore up political support, saying it was a classic replay of past tactics.

Even worse, said Lim (picture), BN leaders have now resorted to using "menacing tactics" to cow the opposition.

As examples, he noted that PR leaders like Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, PAS deputy president Mohamad Sabu and himself have experienced threats of personal harm and violence during public events.

"Even PKR vice-president Nurul Izzah Anwar was threatened harm by a BN man in Pahang.

"It is not Malay culture but also not Malaysian culture for a man to threaten a woman with physical bodily harm," he complained.

Lim also railed against the recent incident involving his 15-year-old son who was accused of sexually molesting a female classmate.

"Even though the so-called lady victim had publicly stated that this is false as she had never met my son or me, no action has been taken by the police against Umno Online and Umno bloggers who publicised these lies," he pointed out.

"For this reason DAP leaders and members must remain vigilant against such BN's shameless 4M (money, media, machinery, menacing PR leaders) and 4R (race, religion, royalty and rigging the Election Commission) tactics."

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