

DAP raising funds to help disabled farmer
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KUALA LUMPUR, March 8 — DAP is fundraising for disabled farmer Frusis Lebi, after the Sarawak government cut his financial aid late last year.

“The directive by the state government to cut aid to a disabled man has sparked outrage in the public sphere,” the party’s assistant publicity chief, Teo Nie Ching, said in a statement.

Teo (picture), who is also Serdang MP, said the DAP decided to campaign for Frusis after getting numerous calls from Malaysians who wished to help the man, whose limbs are deformed.

She said the public can bank in donations to Cawangan DAP Kajang Prima’s RHB account number, 212022-0012-7570.

She added that DAP will publish the statement of accounts for the seven-day campaign when it ends on March 14.

The 51-year-old farmer had last week claimed that state government had stopped his monthly RM300 welfare aid from October last year and subsidies for fertilisers and fruit seeding from December, due to his political affiliation.

In a letter dated December 8, Sarawak Assistant Minister of Agriculture Datuk Mong Dagan ordered the halt to Frusis’ farming subsidies because “he is against government policies and openly supported the opposition candidate during the 2011 state election. Other than that, he had also prepared an operation room for the opposition candidate.”

But Frusis said that he had only flown a PKR flag outside his house during the state election last April.

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