

BN reps stage walkout, accuse Selangor Speaker of bias
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SHAH ALAM, March 27 — Several Barisan Nasional (BN) assemblymen today staged a walkout at the Selangor state assembly after accusing Speaker Teng Chang Khim of being bias.

The assemblymen accused Teng of favouritism following an SMS he had sent to Selangor state executive councillors which they felt was biased in nature.

Teng's SMS, obtained by The Malaysian Insider, states: "This is possibly the last winding-up session for exco, opportunity should be fully used to talk about our success in the past 4 years like what (Kota Anggerik state assemblyman) Yaacob (Sapari) is doing."

During the sitting, BN's Batang Kali assemblyman Datuk Mohd Isa Abu Kasim had called Teng (picture) "an embarrassment to all Speakers around the world" and demanded the latter retract his text message and offer an apology.

However, Teng refused to apologise, saying he "doesn't see any problem in giving advice to excos" and was merely "urging them to do their best", prompting seven BN assemblymen to walk out of the sitting.

BN's Kuang assemblyman Abdul Shukor Idrus told a press conference that he received the forwarded SMS this morning from an unnamed Selangor state executive councillor, which "clearly shows the biased nature of the Speaker".

"Rightfully, the Speaker must be fair. But then, we get an SMS from him that clearly shows he is biased towards Selangor excos.

"We are very disappointed and feel that we're being treated unfairly," he said.

"Also, what is wrong with a little apology?" he asked.

BN's Sungai Burong assemblyman Datuk Shamsudin Lias reiterated that Teng should assume responsibility and "apologise immediately" for "not being fair to opposition".

"All of us are uncomfortable (with the situation). We feel there is no more need to be present in the sitting," he said.

"There is no more need for a discussion because we will not be treated fairly."

Mohd Isa, Abdul Shukor and Shamsudin, together with the assemblymen from Kuala Kubu Baru, Pelabuhan Klang, Sementa and Taman Templar, left the sitting following Teng's refusal to apologise.

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