

## **Klang DAP leaders want exco man to be punished over deception**

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PETALING JAYA: A group of 15 Klang DAP leaders has urged the party leadership to take disciplinary action against Selangor state executive councillor Ronnie Liu over the fiasco involving the nominees for council posts.

In their appeal to the party's central executive committee (CEC), the highest decision-making body, they said stern action was necessary for the party to be respected by the people.

In their letter, they said Liu had deceived and misled the Selangor DAP by changing the names of councillors endorsed by the state committee without their knowledge and approval.

"Such deception amounts to cheating by Liu and he has shown disregard and disrespect for the collective decision of the state committee," they said.

It was reported last month that Selangor DAP chairman Teresa Kok was furious after realising that Liu had made six changes to the party's list of nominees for the local councils submitted to Menteri Besar Tan Sri Khalid Ibrahim without her knowledge. One of the six opted out.

The leaders filed a complaint on March 8 but the disciplinary committee closed the case against Liu on March 31 without a proper hearing.

They had an hour-long meeting with DAP chairman Karpal Singh last week to register their unhappiness. Karpal advised them to lodge an appeal with the CEC.

The leaders said Liu, who is an exco member, had no right to act against the decision of the committee as his position in the state government came from the party and that he was "a nobody without it".

"We are also disappointed with the decision of the disciplinary committee. Their reason that they have communicated with Kok who informed them that the issue was closed is illogical.

"The disciplinary committee should have asked Liu to explain his conduct, even before it considered to dismiss the complaint. There appears to be a breach of basic disciplinary procedures," they said.

They said the fact that DAP adviser Lim Kit Siang had to step in and chair an emergency meeting with the Selangor state committee to reinstate the five councillors showed the urgency and seriousness of the matter.

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