

DAP unlikely to field Malay candidate in Perak, says MCA
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SITIAWAN: The MCA doubts DAP will field a Malay candidate in Perak in the general election as the Opposition party will not want to offend its ally, PAS.

MCA secretary-general Datuk Seri Kong Cho Ha said doing so would cause distrust between the two Pakatan Rakyat parties.

"DAP knows it still needs the support from PAS. Should DAP put up a Malay candidate and win, it would have its own candidate for the menteri besar's post," he said.

Furthermore, he added, Perak DAP chairman Datuk Ngeh Koo Ham had openly declared his support for Pasir Panjang assemblyman Datuk Seri Mohammd Nizar Jamaluddin, the state PAS secretary.

"Perhaps, Ngeh has his own selfish reason and agenda," said Kong after chairing the Kampung Koh MCA branch annual general meeting yesterday.

Nizar had briefly headed the state government after the 2008 general election but lost the post following a High Court ruling in February 2010 that Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abdul Kadir is the rightful menteri besar.

Regarding the Sitiawan state seat, currently held by DAP, Kong said the Barisan could win it back if party members worked hard and served the people well.

He said Sitiawan had seen many changes and development when it was under the Barisan.

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