

**'Feuds in DAP may increase with polls'**  
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KUALA LUMPUR: Squabbling for electoral candidacy between members of the same political party is normal even among those of an opposition party such as the DAP, said a prominent political analyst.

Dr Sivamurugan Pandian of Universiti Sains Malaysia said such internal bickerings would be even more evident during the run-up to a general election.

"It would not be something strange to find members of DAP being involved in such squabbles," he said when asked about the scramble for the Kepayang state seat between factions within Perak DAP. He added that such squabbles in the DAP was not only confined to Perak.

"You can see it during state party elections in Selangor where Selangor assembly speaker Datuk Teng Chang Khim lost out to state senior executive councillor Teresa Kok."

Dr Sivamurugan noted that the factionalism pitting those aligned with state DAP chairman Datuk Ngeh Koo Ham and his cousin, party secretary Nga Kor Ming against those supporting former deputy chairman M. Kulasegaran had been simmering for some time.

"Kulasegaran became the victim in the end when he lost in the last party elections," he said.

Asked to comment on talks that Nga would contest in two seats against party leaders' calls to implement the "one candidate, one seat" policy, Dr Sivamurugan said the DAP leadership would have to step in.

He added that the party leadership would have no choice but to intervene to contain any factionalism.

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