

**DAP wants vice-chair to explain new anti-Bersih remarks**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, May 6 — The DAP disciplinary board wants Senator Tunku Abdul Aziz Tunku Ibrahim to confirm if he has repeated his public criticism of Bersih 3.0 despite recently earning the party leadership's rebuke.

"I am trying to locate Tunku for the statement," Tan Kok Wai, the board's chairman, said while confirming the issue with The Malaysian Insider today.

Tan declined, however, to comment further on the matter.

Tunku Abdul Aziz was reported yesterday as saying that the organisers of Bersih 3.0 cannot solely blame the police for the violence that occurred during last Saturday's rally for free and fair elections.

"The Bersih organisers should accept that there are substantial elements within the rally from people whose intentions were to create havoc and cause chaos as long as it is possible," the DAP vice-chairman was quoted by The Star as saying.

"Instead of shifting all the blame on the police, they need to realise that they are at fault too. Besides, they are not a group of angels descended from heaven who are completely blameless," he added.

Tunku Abdul Aziz, who was Transparency International Malaysia's founding president, said that although he did not deny there were some Bersih rally participants who genuinely sought electoral reforms, "but as evident, there were people who thought differently".

"Bersih 3.0 lost control of their agenda because their agenda was hijacked," said the DAP leader.

Tunku Abdul Aziz has been the lone voice within DAP and Pakatan Rakyat (PR) who had openly declared his rejection of Bersih 3.0, saying the event encourages Malaysians to "break the law".

"My opposition to this kind of demonstration is — we are encouraging people to break the law and we are supposed to be lawmakers. I think there is a contradiction here.

"I am in favour of us assembling if that is not breaking the law but breaking the law is something that I cannot support," he had said days before the April 28 rally.

The open criticism earned him a censure from DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng, who said Tunku Abdul Aziz had embarrassed the party with his remarks.

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