

Penang Gerakan, DAP in finger-pointing game
New Straits Times
06 July, 2012

GEORGE TOWN: The finger-pointing game being played out to show who should be held accountable for the ongoing destruction of hills in Penang has escalated. Both sides of the political divide are trying to pin the blame on the other.

A day after a state DAP executive committee member accused previous state leaders of approving a hillslope project above 75m, the other side has responded by calling the present administration unprofessional and lacking in ethics.

Penang Gerakan chairman for local government bureau Teh Leong Meng yesterday hit out at state Local Government Committee chairman Chow Kon Yeow for trying to run away from solving problems by digging up the past.

Referring to Chow's revelation that a project in Relau was approved by the Penang Island Municipal Council (MPPP) when state Barisan Nasional chief Teng Chang Yeow was a councillor back in 1994, Teh said Chow could not expect someone to remember details of the project approved 18 years ago.

Teh, who is also a former MPPP councillor, said the state government had recently declassified minutes of the meetings from 2006 to this year, but Chow had used the 1994 and 1995 minutes, which had not been declassified, to hit out at Teng.

Teh said Chow should have declassified all the minutes from 1985 to this year from the beginning instead of offering to do so now. He said such an approach of making amendments and declassifying documents on a whim showed that MPPP's management was in a mess.

"Chow has chosen not to solve current problems. He is trying to cover up the mismanagement of MPPP. I'm sure the people of Penang are more concerned about other problems."

Copyright © 2012 The New Straits Times Press (Malaysia) Berhad.

Source: <http://www.nst.com.my/nation/general/penang-gerakan-dap-in-finger-pointing-game-1.103423>