

**DAP to contest up to 60 parliamentary seats**  
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GEORGE TOWN: DAP will contest up to 60 parliamentary seats in the general election, party secretary-general Lim Guan Eng said.

"We are discussing the seat allocation among Pakatan Rakyat component parties but I feel DAP will probably contest in less than 60 parliamentary seats," the Penang Chief Minister said here yesterday.

He said the party would name its candidates "when the time is right".

He was responding to a blog that speculated that DAP would contest in 90 parliamentary seats.

On a news report quoting PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang as saying that his party was the strongest and with the biggest election machinery in Pakatan, Lim said the three allies DAP, PAS and PKR must be strong for the coalition to win.

In the 2008 general election, PAS contested 66 seats and won 23. DAP contested 47 and won 28 while PKR contested 97 seats and won 31. There are 222 seats in the Dewan Rakyat.

On his recent debate with MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Chua Soi Lek, Lim said: "I feel I answered all his questions but I will let the rakyat decide."

He said the public could watch again the recorded debate to see if he had answered Dr Chua's questions or had made defamatory allegations.

Repeating his call for a debate between Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and Opposition Leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Lim said: "Even (US President) Barack Obama makes time for debates."

"Debate is part of our democratic culture. The rakyat must be given a chance to see who is a worthy candidate," he said at Rifle Range yesterday.

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