

DAP asks BN for its shadow governments in Pakatan states
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 1 — The DAP today challenged the prime minister to “practise what he preaches” by having shadow governments in states ruled by the federal opposition Pakatan Rakyat (PR).

“Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak should practise what he preaches instead of having double standards by directing BN in Kedah, Kelantan, Penang and Selangor to present a shadow exco if BN is committed to recapture power in those states,” DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng said in a press statement.

Najib, who leads the ruling Barisan Nasional (BN) coalition, had yesterday dared PR to form a shadow government before it even talks about taking over Putrajaya in the next elections.

“In many respects BN is worse than PR, in that BN not only does not have a shadow Cabinet in the PR states but have not even appointed the BN menteri besar candidate in Selangor, Kelantan and Kedah,” Lim said.

He contrasted BN with PR, saying that the opposition pact has already “unanimously agreed on Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim as the next prime minister of Malaysia.”

“PR had adopted a unique formula of a shadow Cabinet by appointing three persons respectively from each PR party (PAS, the DAP and PKR) for every ministerial portfolio,” Lim said.

“This demonstrates that PR leaders are not crazy for political posts but are hungry in policies that benefit the people.”

However, Lim did not mention whether PR had shadow governments in the BN-ruled states.

Yesterday, Najib said: “I challenge Pakatan Rakyat, show me your shadow government, before talk about forming government.”

“We have our team, and show me your team,” the BN chairman said in opening the Gerakan national delegates conference yesterday.

Najib also sneered at PR’s failure to set up a shadow Cabinet, saying “they are afraid to give answers, they don’t know how to divide the work”.

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