

Kit Siang wants live broadcast of BN election manifesto launch cancelled
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 6 — All local television stations should cancel their live coverage of Barisan Nasional's (BN) election manifesto launch tonight or allow the same treatment for all contesting parties in Election 2013, Lim Kit Siang said today.

The DAP veteran said it would be a gross violation of BN's promise of fair game in the coming polls if the ruling pact were to be given full airtime publicity on national television, while its political opponents have no such opportunity.

"TV3 and other TV stations should cancel the live coverage of Najib's presentation of BN Manifesto tonight unless they are prepared to offer similar facilities to the Pakatan Rakyat election manifesto," Lim (picture) said in a statement.

Political leaders across the divide recently locked horns over the government's 10-minute airtime offer on Radio Television Malaysia (RTM) to PR, which the opposition pact said was insincere and an insult.

All three PR parties, DAP, PKR and PAS, rejected the offer, arguing that 10 minutes was too brief a period and questioning why their segment would have to be pre-recorded instead of a live broadcast

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