

**Kit Siang: Jui Meng's Segamat seat hinges on end of DAP-PKR disputes**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 9 – The Segamat seat will only be given to Johor PKR chief Datuk Chua Jui Meng if all seats disputes with Johor DAP is settled, DAP advisor Lim Kit Siang today said, highlighting the uneasy tension between the two political allies in the southern state ahead of Election 2013.

Yesterday, Opposition Leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim announced that Chua would be taking on Segamat, ending speculation over his candidacy for election.

In an immediate response, Lim said the initial negotiations was for DAP to stand in Segamat, a federal seat which it had previously contested in 2008.

Lim said his decision to contest in the Gelang Patah parliamentary seat is a “stand-alone decision” and is not the result of any parliamentary seat-swapping between DAP and PKR.

“DAP’s agreement to let PKR contest in Segamat parliamentary seat is contingent on the settlement of all DAP-PKR disputes on all seat allocations in Johore ...” Lim said in a brief three-paragraph press statement today.

He went on to conclude that Anwar’s announcement indicated the PKR leadership’s agreement to the DAP’s terms.

DAP had wanted to contest seven federal seats and 15 state seats – which Lim points out is less than one-third of the 26 federal seats and 56 state seats in Johor.

“With Anwar’s announcement, it can be taken that the contingent conditions for the DAP’s agreement to let PKR contest in the Segamat parliamentary seat has been agreed upon by the PKR leadership, i.e. DAP will be contesting in seven parliamentary seats and 15 State Assembly seats (including Johor Jaya),” he said.

Chua had previously engaged in a public spat with Johor DAP chief Dr Boo Cheng Hau over the Gelang Patah seat in the state, but Anwar announced last month that DAP veteran leader Lim Kit Siang would contest the seat instead in Pakatan Rakyat’s (PR) drive to make inroads into the state known as Barisan Nasional’s (BN) stronghold.

Johor PKR was previously reported by news portal Malaysiakini as nudging Chua towards the Segamat seat, which party insiders believe it can win.

Segamat is now held by the MIC’s Datuk Dr S. Subramaniam who won the seat against a DAP candidate by a 2,991-vote majority in Election 2008.

Johor-born Chua is an MCA veteran who joined PKR in 2009 and was also formerly the country’s health minister.

Chua won the Bakri seat in Johor by an overwhelming 19,059 votes in the 2004 polls, but stayed out of Election 2008.

BN now holds 50 state seat to DAP’s four and PAS’ two seats. BN had a virtually clean

sweep of the federal seats by winning 25 of it, with DAP winning the opposition's single parliamentary seat there.

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