

## **Kedah DAP Rejects Candidate Picked By Central Leadership**

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ALOR SETAR, April 19 (Bernama) -- The DAP continues to be in turmoil as the majority of Kedah DAP members have rejected a candidate picked by the party's central leadership to contest in the state at the 13th General Election (GE13).

State DAP assistant secretary W. H. Chee said, the majority rejected the candidate picked by the DAP central leadership, Kedah DAP Youth chief Teoh Boon Kok, to contest in the Derga state seat.

Kedah DAP wanted state DAP treasurer Liaw Theng Hooi to contest in the seat, he told a press conference in Alor Setar, Friday.

The incumbent for the Kota Darul Iman state seat, Lee Guan Aik, also expressed disappointment with the decision of DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng who wanted him to retire from politics.

The Kedah DAP chairman regarded Guan Eng's decision as undemocratic and incorrigible.

"I am not sad at being cast aside...but I am disappointed Guan Eng has ignored the grassroots," he said.

At the press conference, Kedah DAP publicity secretary Lim Sin Keat who was picked by the central leadership to contest in the Kota Darul Aman state seat, announced his withdrawal to make way for Lee to contest the seat.

The DAP, prior to this, had demanded for four state seats, besides retaining Kota Darul Aman and two parliamentary constituencies. The other three state seats were Derga, Bakar Arang and Sidam.

The crisis resulted in the DAP not turning up for the announcement of candidates for Pakatan Rakyat in Kedah, with its associates PAS and Parti Keadilan Rakyat at the Kedah PAS headquarters in Alor Setar, three days ago.

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