

DAP cuts Teresa, Ronnie from Selangor list
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 18 – The DAP has excluded two Selangor executive councillors from its state line-up in Election 2013, according to the party's list of candidates released today.

Teresa Kok who is the senior executive council (exco) member for investment, trade and industry in Malaysia's richest state and her colleague Ronnie Liu, in charge of housing and local government, will not be defending Kinrara and Pandamaran seats respectively in the May 5 polls.

"Yes, Ronnie dropped," a party official told The Malaysian Insider when contacted.

"She doesn't want to contest state," the insider said, this time referring to Kok, who is also the incumbent MP for Seputeh, a federal seat in the neighbouring Kuala Lumpur Federal Territory.

The DAP named Ng Sze Han as Kok's replacement for Kinrara while Tan Pok Shyong will be fielded in Liu's place for Pandamaran.

Also cut out from the list is Jenice Lee, the incumbent Teratai assemblyman, whose replacement is Petaling Jaya City councillor Tiew Way Keng.

The DAP also sprung a surprise when it named Rajiv Rishyakaran as its man for Bukit Gasing.

The party had previously flagged Kasthuri Rani Patto, the 34-year-old daughter of the late P. Patto, a DAP strongman, to the urban seat that had been left vacant following the death of its assemblyman Edward Lee on December 20, 2011.

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