

DAP reps who went independent given another 24 hours
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GEORGE TOWN, April 21 — Two DAP leaders running as independents, incumbent Teratai state assemblyman Jenice Lee and incumbent Kota Melaka MP Sim Tong Him, are being given another 24 hours before they are expelled from DAP, said party national chairman Karpal Singh.

"They have 24 hours to publicly withdraw from contesting and apologise or they will be expelled from the party," he told a press conference at his operations centre today.

Not mincing his words, the DAP leader said the duo's actions in contesting as independent candidates is an act of rebellion against the party.

Lee had filed her nomination papers yesterday to contest as an independent to defend her seat even though the party had fielded Tiew Way Keng for the seat.

Sim, who is defending his Kota Melaka seat under DAP's ticket, also filed nominations papers for the Kota Laksamana seat as an independent.

He said technically both Lee and Sim can't withdraw once their nominations are accepted but both of them can publicly make a statement that they are no more contesting and to tell the public not to vote for them.

"This is a serious warning to them and those who support them as we will not hesitate to expel them and those who acts in rebellion against the party," the incumbent Bukit Gelugor MP said.

He added that what both Lee and Sim did may be done due to emotions but it is inexcusable and intolerable.

"I spoke to Sim and he was apologetic but it was not enough, he needs to withdraw and publicly apologise," he said.

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