

Oil royalty blooper blamed on typo
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PETALING JAYA: The conspicuous absence of Kelantan, Terengganu and Pahang as states entitled to full oil royalties in the Pakatan Rakyat manifesto was due to "human error", says PAS central working committee member Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad.

The Kuala Selangor MP attributed the oversight to a "typo", saying that the final version included all oil-producing states.

"I'm not sure how this error came about but we are most certainly not excluding the other three states."

However, PKR secretary-general Saifuddin Nasution said it was "an error by the manifesto committee".

"It should have read oil-producing states', and this not only covers Sabah and Sarawak, but also Kelantan, Terengganu and Pahang."

DAP vice-chairman M. Kulasegaran admitted that an error had been made on the manifesto but said Pakatan would explain in detail at a press conference today.

The 10-point manifesto, which was revealed on Monday, has drawn flak for listing only Sabah and Sarawak as oil-producing states that will receive royalties from Petronas should the Opposition come to power.

This error comes on the heels of the DAP party election fiasco, which saw purported human error resulting in miscounted ballots.

The revised results saw popular names such as Zairil Khir Johari being bumped up from 39th position to 20th and narrowly making it into the central executive committee.

The so-called "technical glitch" was met with suspicion from several DAP members who accused the party of rigged elections.

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