

DAP members and supporters go bald to protest money politics
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GEORGE TOWN, May 3 — A total of 84 DAP members and supporters shaved their heads bald at the Kek Lok Si Temple here in protest against money politics.

They include six people who are standing for election in state constituencies in Penang.

Their move was to express disgust with Barisan Nasional (BN)-friendly non-governmental organisation 1 Malaysia Penang Welfare Club for organising free dinners and allegedly distributing money and holding lucky draws to woo voters.

Among those who went bald was Betty Chew, wife of Penang Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng, who also did it to support her husband in the general election.

"This is not organised by the party but an individual effort by all of us to protest against the money politics BN is using to win voter support," she said.

The DAP candidates who went bald were Pulau Tikus candidate Yap Soo Huey, incumbent Air Itam assemblyman Wong Hon Wai, incumbent Tanjung Bungah assemblyman Teh Yee Cheu, incumbent Berapit assemblyman Ong Kok Fooi, incumbent Datuk Keramat assemblyman Jagdeep Singh and incumbent Sungai Puyu assemblyman Phee Boon Poh.

Lim, who was present to witness the ceremony, condemned the blatant act by certain quarters in trying to win votes.

"They are doing this openly in my constituency and I hope the voters will not be bought over by their tactics," he said.

In recent weeks, 1 Malaysia dinners have been held in almost all constituencies in the state but more so in the Air Putih state constituency where Lim is standing for election.

Starting from May 1, daily free dinners and breakfast are being given in different coffee shops all over the constituency.

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