

**Upset for MCA as PKR's Rafizi snares Pandan
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KUALA LUMPUR, May 6 — MCA's five-term grip over the Pandan federal seat in Selangor was broken today when PKR's Rafizi Ramli trounced its candidate, Gary Lim, to emerge the winner in a closely-watched race.

The PKR strategy director, known for his exposés on national scandals, beat Pandan MCA legal bureau chief Lim to the seat with a staggering 26,729-vote majority, polling 48,183 votes to Lim's 21,454. A third contender, Independent Allan Tan, lost his deposit.

Pandan had been held for the previous five terms by former MCA president Datuk Seri Ong Tee Keat, who had been left out of the race following a protracted power struggle with his successor Datuk Seri Dr Chua Soi Lek.

The victory is seen as a slap for Dr Chua, who had picked Lim for the contest despite his predecessor's five-term incumbency and reported popularity among Pandan voters.

At the start of the campaign, Lim was also hit with allegations of fraud and professional misconduct when claims surfaced that he purportedly has a disciplinary case with the Malaysian Bar.

Lim took over a week to respond to the allegations but finally came out on Tuesday to deny he was under probe for fraud, even saying he will file a defamation suit against Rafizi for raising the claims in public.

At the campaign's start on April 20, the PKR "exposé man" distributed photocopies of a police report lodged against Lim by a well-known legal firm over alleged fraud.

Rafizi also distributed copies of the Bar Council's letter to Lim dated January 21 this year seeking an explanation from the lawyer on a showcause letter he had purportedly received from the same legal firm for misrepresentation.

He later released the showcause letter from Lim's former employer Shearn Delamore and Co dated February 19 this year, which demanded the latter's explanation for alleged misrepresentation.

At the Tuesday press conference, the soft-spoken Lim told Rafizi to stop playing "dirty politics" with his allegations.

"All want to say is Pandan needs someone to do something for them. Not someone who indulges in this sort of dirty politics.

"What else has he got for the people of Pandan aside from all this?" he asked.

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