

Kit Siang tells IGP to quit if crime not top-priority
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KUALA LUMPUR, May 30 — Inspector-General of Police (IGP) Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar should resign if he prioritises persecuting political dissidents over violent criminals like murderers and robbers, DAP advisor Lim Kit Siang said today.

Lim pointed out that two women were killed in separate robberies at Kajang and Ipoh in the past two days, while Communications and Multimedia Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Shabery Cheek's daughter lost cash and personal belongings amounting to RM8,000 to snatch thieves yesterday.

"Khalid should resign as IGP if he is not prepared to give top priority to roll back the wave of crime in the country instead of carrying out his obligations to his political masters in Umno/Barisan Nasional (BN)," said Lim in a statement today.

"A person who is not prepared to recognise and give top priority to reducing crime and eradicating the prevalent fear of crime is just not fit to be the IGP of Malaysia," added the Gelang Patah MP.

Some Pakatan Rakyat (PR) politicians and activists were charged with sedition yesterday for uttering words at a forum on May 13 at the Kuala Lumpur and Selangor Chinese Assembly Hall (KLSCAH) that have the tendency to call on Malaysians to change the government by unlawful means.

All four — PAS's Tamrin Ghafar and PKR's Chua Tian Chang, along with activists Haris Ibrahim and Muhammad Safwan Anang — pleaded not guilty.

Last week, student activist Adam Adli was charged with sedition for his involvement in the same forum where he was accused of rallying Malaysians to take to the streets to topple the BN government.

Lim pointed out today that previous IGP Tan Sri Ismail Omar had said before the May 5 general election that the police would continue to maintain public safety regardless of who won the polls.

"Why has the police leadership veered from the independence, impartiality, professionalism upheld by Ismail in a short period of two weeks after the appointment of Khalid as the new IGP?" he questioned.

Lim further noted that the sisters of Khalid and Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin suffered separate house burglaries in Negri Sembilan and Petaling Jaya about two weeks ago.

Putrajaya has sought to address concerns over the crime rate and introduced crime-reduction as a National Key Result Area (NKRA), which the police and the government's efficiency unit Pemandu said has been successful in reducing crime.

But the ubiquity of crime reports, both in the news and shared in social media, have led to doubts over the veracity of the authorities' professed drop in crime.

Crime watchdog group MyWatch also accused the police in February of massaging the crime statistics, claiming cases of snatch theft and robbery without firearms as well as burglaries and house break-ins, were higher than the published crime index from January to October 2011.

The police have denied manipulating national crime figures.

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