

**Utusan cooking lies to push for RoS action on DAP, says leader**  
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PETALING JAYA, June 5 — Umno-owned Utusan Malaysia is plotting to have the Registrar of Societies (RoS) act on the DAP by accusing the opposition party of manipulating its branch-level elections to quell internal dissent, its central executive member Anthony Loke said today.

In its report today, Utusan cited an unnamed source as saying the DAP leadership was “hastening” its annual general assembly and branch level elections to preempt any attempts by grassroots leaders to question its recently concluded party elections, which is now under RoS investigation.

“This is Utusan’s latest agenda, to play on our administrative matters. This is a big lie. It is called an annual general assembly so of course we have to hold it annually and the party’s elections at the branch level is also done annually.

“They are trying to portray as if we are very scared, that we have so many secrets to hide..it’s an attempt to give the RoS the justification to de-register us,” he told a press conference here.

On January 4, DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng revealed that there were errors in the tabulation of votes from the December 15, 2012 party election, which he said were caused by a technical glitch when the results were transferred to a computer using the Microsoft Excel programme.

The amendments resulted in Lim’s political secretary, Zairil Khir Johari, moving up from 39th position to 20th — the last elected position in the party’s CEC.

Zairil’s votes were re-tallied at 803 compared to the 305 announced earlier.

Vincent Wu, who initially secured sixth spot with 1,202 votes, dropped to 26th as the party claimed he actually garnered only 669 votes.

Although majority of the party’s supporters accepted the explanation, some disgruntled members later lodged complaints with the RoS, claiming that the results were manipulated.

The party has denied the allegation and said it would co-operate with the RoS investigation on the matter.

Loke had previously accused the RoS of shifting the goalposts in its probe of the party’s polls, claiming that RoS director-general Datuk Abdul Rahman Othman had lied and was acting as a political tool of the ruling Barisan Nasional (BN) coalition.

Abdul Rahman earlier said that DAP delegates were denied the right to vote when they did not receive notices from the party.

The DAP national organising secretary accused the RoS of having a political agenda, saying

that the party suspected that the RoS may use this issue to “deregister” the DAP.

The seemingly imbalanced coverage of the debacle in the mainstream media, especially Utusan Malaysia, has strengthened allegations that the investigation was politically motivated, party leaders claimed.

On the latest allegation, Loke said the party would consider taking legal action against Utusan Malaysia although he noted that past successful civil suit against the Malay broadsheet had not deterred it from spreading “lies” about the DAP.

The Chinese-dominated opposition party previously won two legal battles against the Umno-owned newspaper and forced it to issue a public apology.

Despite this, Utusan Malaysia has continued to demonise the DAP through racial attacks in an apparent bid to shore up Malay support.

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