

**DAP's Tony Pua claims Dr M and Umno are the 'real racists'**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, June 7 — The DAP's Tony Pua has accused Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Umno of being the "real racists", slamming the former prime minister for "gibberish" statements in his alleged attempt to paint the DAP as a racist party.

Pua also claimed that Dr Mahathir is leading Umno's "Demolish and Destroy DAP (DDD) brigade", a secret plot which the DAP's Lim Kit Siang had this week claimed was hatched to destroy the opposition party.

Pua questioned Dr Mahathir's logic at pointing to the Chinese community's high turnout in rallies and their high level of support for the DAP at the polls as proof of racism.

"When Malays vote overwhelmingly for Umno in the past, it is never 'racism'. When a 100 per cent Malay crowd hold weekly protests against the Pakatan Rakyat government in Penang, it is not 'racism'. When Chinese voted for MCA in the past, that can't be racism. When Chinese also voted strongly for PAS and PKR in the current elections, PAS and PKR are not accused of racism," the DAP publicity secretary said in a statement today.

"When Malays increased their support for the DAP candidates in the same election, Dr Mahathir accused DAP of spreading 'propaganda' that influenced educated Malays into perceiving the Barisan Nasional (BN) government as corrupt.

"However, when the Chinese also voted strongly for DAP, that is proof of DAP 'racism'. When many Chinese turn up at Pakatan Rakyat events, that is beyond shadow of a doubt Chinese 'racism'. What type of senile perverted logic is that?" he asked.

Pua (picture) claimed that the dictionary definition of the word "racism" showed that Dr Mahathir, Umno and the alleged DDD brigade are the real racists of the country.

He quoted Dictionary.com which said racism is "a belief... usually involving the idea that one's own race is superior and has the right to rule others" or "a policy, system of government, etc, based upon or fostering such a doctrine; discrimination."

"By the above definition alone, it is proof that the real racists of this country are Umno, Dr Mahathir and his DDD brigade. In fact, the multi-million ringgit DDD brigade has via influential blogs and the Umno mouthpiece Utusan Malaysia completely rewritten the definition of 'racism' to fit their own political objectives," the Petaling Jaya Utara MP said.

He pointed out that Umno fights for "Ketuanan Melayu" (Malay supremacy) while saying that the DAP fights for equal opportunities and justice for all races.

Pua claimed that Umno has been targeting the DAP because of its objection to Malay supremacy, alleging that a lot of funds were used in the anti-DAP plot to destroy the opposition party.

"Just because we support the doctrine of 'ketuanan rakyat' or the supremacy of the people, and oppose the doctrine of supremacy of any single race, Umno has since the end of last year made DAP their biggest enemy to ensure the survival and continuation of their racist

policies.

"Their objective is nothing less than the total demise of the DAP whether via deregistration by the Registrar of Societies, the imprisonment and disqualification of our leaders via the abuse of Sedition Act and other draconian laws, and the total rejection by Malays and Malaysians of DAP as a 'racist' party it is not," he said.

Yesterday, Dr Mahathir said in a blog posting that the results of Election 2013 demonstrate "Chinese racism", which he alleged was fanned by the DAP to ensure the community's domination of Malaysian politics.

The country's longest-serving prime minister's accusation against the DAP reflects the strident tone of the right-wing elements in Umno, as several politicians from the ruling party and the party's Utusan Malaysia continue to frame the May 5 polls as a Chinese-vs-Malay vote.

The former Umno president also claimed that the majority of protesters at Pakatan Rakyat's (PR) recent rallies against electoral fraud are Chinese youths.

Dr Mahathir said that the May 5 general election showed that "the quality of the candidates or parties, the ideologies and the desire for change will always be secondary to race".

Analysts, however, have debunked Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak's claim of a "Chinese tsunami" in the 13th general election, noting that the middle-class and urban electorate had deserted BN across racial lines.

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