

RCI needed to probe GE13, not fiction
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A Royal Commission of Inquiry (RCI) should be set up to probe electoral probe, Lim Kit Siang said, ridiculing calls for an RCI to investigate the so-called Red Bean Army.

In a statement, Lim said he would support a RCI on why the May 5 general election was not a clean, free and fair process.

"The results of the election have generally been regarded as undemocratic and unrepresentative of the will of the electorate," Lim was reported by Malaysiakini as saying.

"These claims of a Red Bean Army are just fictitious and if a RCI is set up to probe this issue, Malaysia will make history as the first in the world to investigate a fictitious allegation."

Lim described allegations that the DAP has been spending millions to maintain the Red Bean Army as ludicrous.

"I do not believe that any Umno or BN leader with even minimum intelligence would believe in this tall tale."

"A DAP-funded army of 3,000 cybertroopers with a budget ranging from RM100 million to RM1 billion? Who would believe such a fictitious tale?"

The proposal to establish a RCI to probe the Red Bean Army allegation was made by a coalition of 180 non-government organisations.

They claimed that the Red Bean Army was DAP's well-funded online propaganda machine that has raised racial tensions and created political instability.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim intended to propose the establishment of the RCI during a cabinet meeting this Friday.

On Thursday last week, Lim told Dewan Rakyat that the fictitious allegation had been invented by "vested interests" within Umno as a move to seek more funding.

"I alluded to a campaign by Umno cyberwarriors to seek a RM250 million allocation to fight the imaginary DAP-funded Red Bean Army."

"But I made a mistake in the figure, the actual figure being sought is RM350 million!" - July 3, 2013.

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