

**DAP Should Hold CEC Re-election Soon - ROS**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 4 (Bernama) -- DAP should hold its central executive committee (CEC) re-election immediately as this is what the party grassroots want, says the Registrar of Societies (ROS), Datuk Abdul Rahman Othman.

In a statement Sunday, he said this was the best decision and which would also show transparency on the part of the party leadership, which had promised the public that it would implement whatever decision announced by ROS.

Abdul Rahman said all matters related to any body was handled in accordance with the Societies Act 1966 and ROS made the decision on the CEC election issue based on the statements given by the parties involved.

He said the Act did not provide the need for ROS to explain the matter to the public, adding that ROS took a humanistic approach with regard to the DAP leadership although it (ROS) had been slandered many times, especially during the recent general election campaign.

On July 30, ROS ordered DAP to hold a CEC re-election and informed that he was not satisfied with the explanation given by the party on the issue of manipulation of votes during the CEC election.

A day later, DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng questioned the legal provisions used by ROS in making the decision.

Lim was also reported to have said that DAP would not abide by the directive given by ROS issued via a notice for the CEC election be reconvened as long as the order was not fully explained.

Abdul Rahman said the DAP leadership's claim that they had given full cooperation to ROS was not true while their actions were disappointing.

In KULAI JAYA, Kuala Pilah MP Datuk Hasan Malek today urged Lim not to divert attention to Home Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Zahid Hamidi's statement that DAP should reconvene its party elections due to the CEC election debacle.

Hasan, who is also Domestic Trade, Cooperatives and Consumerism Minister, said Lim should admit his own fault for failing to be responsible since many DAP members themselves had lodged complaints with ROS on the CEC election irregularities.

"Lim should not be a hypocrite. Don't condemn Ahmad Zahid as those who complained represent 1,300 delegates who were not invited to attend the CEC election.

"He (Lim) should instead blame Father Augustus Chen who exposed the presence of 547 illegal delegates," he said after launching a weighing machine for public use at the Senai Airport.

Lim recently hit out at Ahmad Zahid for his statement, calling it re-emptive and an act of political vengeance and victimisation.

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