

DAP will not be surprised if the party is de-registered, says Lim Kit Siang
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There are no grounds to de-register the DAP but the party will not be surprised if it happens following comments made by the Registrar of Societies (ROS) that DAP members should not "harbour hopes" of forming a new party if the party is de-registered.

That comment was made by the ROS director-general Datuk Abdul Rahman Othman, who was quoted in The Star today.

The DG was asked to comment on the move by DAP members to look into establishing a new political party if de-registration was necessary following allegations of election fraud in the DAP's central executive committee (CEC) election last December.

"How can the ROS DG comment on a completely fictitious scenario, which is a total concoction or figment of imagination of the Umno/BN propagandists, cybertroopers and their agents, as if it is a fact?" asked DAP adviser Lim Kit Siang.

"The report is studded with false and groundless premises showing that the ROS director-general is acting in a completely improper, unfair and unprofessional manner not in keeping with the efficient, impartial and independent discharge of his public duties," Lim said in a statement.

The DAP veteran insisted that the notion of setting up a new party should the DAP is de-registered, had never been brought up by any member of the party, as there is "no plausible ground for the de-registration".

"But when such lies and falsehoods are accepted as if they are facts and truths as to warrant a comment by the DG, then the question of his independence, impartiality and professionalism immediately comes into question, raising the issue whether he himself is a party to the months of lies and falsehoods by Umno propagandists, cybertroopers and their agents.

"With the approach of the Umno party elections at the end of the year, it is increasingly evident that the ROS decision on the DAP is not going to be a professional one, but a political one," he added.

However, Lim, in a warning to the DG and the BN government, vowed that the DAP will continue to fight against any form of abuse of power, which could affect the future of the DAP, including the de-registration of the party without clear grounds. - July 26, 2013.

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