

**DAP slams "intelligent" Khairy for stooping so low, playing to party
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The DAP lashed out at Umno Youth for claiming that the opposition party's decision to hold fresh elections "was an admission of guilt".

DAP whip Anthony Loke Siew Fook (pic), calling the statement by Umno Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin "baseless", said he was disturbed that it came from a seemingly "young, intelligent and highly-calibred" minister.

"He stooped so low just to win over Umno members ahead of their party elections."

Earlier today, Khairy said the DAP's decision to hold fresh central executive committee (CEC) elections was an "admission of guilt", adding that the party had taken a long time to admit its mistake and had delayed the decision so as to capitalise on the issue during the May 5 general election.

"Even if it was the correct decision, why did they prolong the issue? This shows that DAP only wanted to politicise it," he said.

Khairy's statements came after DAP made the decision on Monday. The party had had to continually deny allegations of vote-rigging at the party elections held in December last year.

Last month, Registrar of Societies (RoS) director-general Datuk Abdul Rahman Othman ordered the party to hold a CEC re-election, saying he was not satisfied with the party's explanation to allegations that the counting of votes had been manipulated.

Khairy's comments,, Loke said, were unfounded as the DAP leadership decided to hold a re-election because they "had no other choice".

"If DAP did not heed the RoS directive, it risks being de-registered. This is the political trap set by Umno to destroy and finish the DAP from the Malaysian political arena," he added.

He said the only reason the process took a long time was because the RoS took seven months to investigate the case after the party had willingly;admitted there had been a technical glitch in the vote count in January.

"The directive from the RoS to hold a re-election only reached us on July 31," he pointed out.

Loke also criticised those who had questioned DAP for not bringing the matter to court.

"This is because we are confident that there is political interference of the highest order in this case and we would never get a fair and just decision in court.

"It is obvious that Khairy is just like other Umno leaders who still use defamation, lies, unfounded allegations and abuse of power to achieve their own agenda without any consideration for the truth and justice," Loke added.- August 16, 2013.

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