

**DAP presents party polls evidence to rebut RoS, says Najib got it wrong**  
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The DAP has shown evidence to rebut allegations that it did not inform 753 delegates of its party polls last year and called on the prime minister to retract his statement that it did not follow procedures.

"We have the evidence of members' attendance record, signatures and postal receipts that showed notices were sent out," said national organising secretary Anthony Loke at a press conference at the party's headquarters in Kuala Lumpur.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak had said the party did not adhere to regulations when it elected its central executive committee (CEC) last year.

"Najib is a liar. If he wants to sue me, go ahead. We want him to retract his comments."

Loke argued that the Registrar of Societies (RoS) failed to interview the 753 members who were allegedly not informed of the polls.

"RoS chose to believe claims by certain members who have their own personal agendas."

Last Thursday, party chairman Karpal Singh issued a statement that the party had decided to hold fresh CEC elections, as demanded by RoS.

On July 30, RoS director-general Datuk Abdul Rahman Othman ordered DAP to do that because he was not satisfied with the party's explanation of a vote counting mix-up.

However, the government agency had only asked the party to submit evidence that notices were sent out and did not request for proof on the electoral glitch.

"They are not challenging our election results now but are questioning our notice to members," Loke said as he showed the row of signatures that the party collected nationwide.

The party, according to Loke, has on its own initiative collected over 500 signatures from absent delegates to acknowledge that they were informed of the party polls but could not attend for personal reasons.

"RoS decided to penalise us not based on evidence but based on hearsay."

Several party members had lodged complaints with the RoS against DAP for not informing them of the polls but the party said in its defence that those who complained were disgruntled members.

Loke said the RoS, a body under the purview of the Home Ministry, can change its decision and call off the re-elections if it is satisfied with the evidence submitted, but he doubts it would do so.

"RoS is just a political tool of Barisan Nasional. We want people to know that we have never done anything wrong," Loke added. - August 19, 2013.

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