

**Kit Siang trying to gag me with law suit, says Zainuddin
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Former Information Minister Zainuddin Maidin accused DAP adviser Lim Kit Siang of trying to silence him through legal action, a tactic which he said former Singapore prime minister Lee Kuan Yew used to silence his critics in Malaysia.

The former minister said Lim should have tried to understand his Sept 3 blog posting which implied that Lim was responsible for the actions of DAP supporters who taunted the Malays to "balik kampung", which culminated in the May 13 riots in 1969.

The post was titled, "No wonder Tanda Putera is prohibited and disgusting to Lim Kit Siang and his son."

"The incident is the result of the accumulated actions, speeches and statements made by DAP leaders. The statements were aggressive, provocative and instigated the people. It also promoted the concept of Malaysian Malaysia inherited from Singapore's PAP," he said in his zamkata.blogspot today.

Apart from Zainuddin, Lim is also suing former deputy minister Dr Mohd Puad Zarkashi and newspaper Utusan Malaysia for an article which implied that he had indeed urinated in front of the Selangor menteri besar's home during the May 13 riots.

The article, which appeared in the daily on Saturday, quoted Puad as saying that the DAP had strongly criticised the controversial movie Tanda Putera to "hide Lim's rudeness" when he had allegedly urinated on a flag during the incident.

"I was never in Kuala Lumpur at any time during the May 13 riots," Lim said, a position he has maintained from the time Tanda Putera became public knowledge.

"If Lim is certain his lawsuit will uphold the truth, then it is up to him, but the conviction of the people cannot be eliminated with legal challenges and history cannot be spun even with victory in the courtroom," Zainuddin said in his blog today.

Zainuddin added that he was upset by Lim's "false accusations" that his criticisms were to gain popularity and to get votes in the upcoming Umno Supreme Council elections.

"I am not even contesting. Lim is equating me to Dr Puad Zakarshi who is still active in Umno," he said.

Zainuddin went on to say that he saw this as an attempt by Lim to tarnish his name.

"I am not active politically. I am trying to live my life as a freelance journalist," he added. – September 10, 2013.

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