

DAP moves to strike out bid to stop party CEC re-election
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The DAP has moved quickly to stop a former party member from disrupting the re-election of the central executive council on September 29.

The party's secretary-general Lim Guan Eng filed an application in the High Court today to strike out a suit and an injunction by former Ladang Paroi DAP branch vice-chairman A. David Dass, who claimed that members were not given 10 weeks' to hold the re-election.

Dass had filed the suit on September 10.

The High Court has now fixed September 25 to hear Lim's striking out application.

Lim in his application said the court had no power to hear the case as Section 18 (c) of Societies Act 1966 stated that any decision by a political party on matters relating to its affairs shall be final and cannot be challenged.

DAP national chairman Karpal Singh has also filed an affidavit in support of Lim's application in his capacity as a lawyer.

He said Dass' suit and injunction should be cancelled under High Court rules.

Karpal said Dass wanted to restrain the party from holding the polls on allegation that party constitution was not followed.

However, the party had taken the stand that such notice could be waived since this was a re-election and not fresh polls.

Karpal said the party was only following the directive of the Registrar of Societies.

Dass' injunction application was earlier fixed to be heard on September 25.

Karpal said the striking out application would be heard first.

"The legal battle will be over if our striking out application is successful," added Karpal. - September 13, 2013.

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