

**DAP No Longer Right Platform To Serve People - Hiew
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KOTA KINABALU, Sept 27 (Bernama) -- Hiew King Cheu, the state assemblyman for Luyang who quit DAP to serve as an independent, said the party was no longer the right platform to serve the people, particularly in Luyang.

He said after careful consideration and discussion with several quarters, he decided to leave the DAP.

"As an opposition assemblyman, it is not that easy to bring in the so-called progress in my constituency (Luyang)," he told reporters in a press conference here today.

On whether he would align himself with the Barisan Nasional (BN) or become BN-friendly, Hiew said: "You could say that...but I am an independent assemblyman".

He said he had already emailed his resignation letter to the DAP headquarters in Kuala Lumpur.

At the 13th General Election, Hiew won the Luyang state seat with a majority of 8,676 votes.

After the general election, Hiew had been at loggerheads with other Sabah DAP leaders, following his decision to support Klias assemblyman Datuk Lajim Ukin as the Sabah opposition leader although the party backed Tamparuli assemblyman Datuk Wilfred Bumburing.

Since then, there had been speculation that Hiew might resign from the party which won four state seats and two parliamentary seats in Sabah in the said general election.

Speculation that he would quit the party became more intense after he announced last week that he was withdrawing from the DAP central executive committee (CEC) re-election and would not attend the scheduled DAP special congress set for Sunday.

Meanwhile, DAP national organising secretary Anthony Loke, when contacted, said the party had not received any resignation letter from Hiew and that it had only heard of the resignation from media reports.

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