

**DAP sues Utusan Malaysia again**  
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Umno-owned daily Utusan Malaysia was again slapped with a legal suit by the DAP - and this time it is over "Father Augustus Chen".

DAP adviser Lim Kit Siang (pic) filed a defamation suit against the newspaper for alleging that he had manipulated the vote tabulation during the party's polls in December.

The Utusan report, dated August 18, 2013, quoted "Father Augustus Chen".

The suit was filed at the Kuala Lumpur High Court registry today.

In his statement of claim, Kit Siang, who is Gelang Patah MP, said Utusan Malaysia, in the article quoting Father Augustus Chen, had alleged that he had manipulated the result of the party's polls to elect members of the central executive committee.

He said he was made to look like a person who was immoral, untrustworthy and not fit to be a leader.

He also said the article implied that Father Augustus Chen existed and that the contents in the latter's booklet titled "The Equity Report (CEC Election Fraud)" on the alleged irregularities and internal politics in the DAP polls, were true.

"Father Augustus Chen is a fictitious character and the contents in the report are false. The article was done in bad faith," Lim said in his court papers.

Kit Siang is seeking general and exemplary damages, cost and other relief deemed fit by the court.

In a press conference last month, he had challenged Utusan Malaysia to prove that Father Augustus Chen existed and was not some fictitious character conjured up to discredit him.

He claimed the dubious Father Augustus Chen was used by leaders from Umno and the Registrar of Societies to invalidate the party's central executive committee election last December.

It was reported that Father Augustus Chen had claimed both Kit Siang and his son Lim Guan Eng had manipulated the vote tabulation during the election, prompting an investigation by the RoS after several reports were lodged by disgruntled party members.

The suit today came on the same day that Utusan Malaysia carried an apology to Kit Siang and his son over an article on the controversial Tanda Putera film.

Utusan had published a report titled "Cuba sembunyi kebiadaban DAP" (Try to hide DAP's rudeness) where it was alleged that Guan Eng, the Penang Chief Minister, had attempted to block the screening of the movie in cinemas in the state to allegedly hide the rude action of a DAP leader.

The DAP leader was identified in the report as Kit Siang, who it alleged had urinated in front of the then-Selangor menteri besar's residence during the riots on May 13, 1969.

Kit Siang had repeatedly stated he was not in Kuala Lumpur during the riots. - September 27, 2013.

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