

Putrajaya Umno, NGOs Want DAP's Tony Pua To Apologise Openly Over "Umno Dogs" Slur
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PUTRAJAYA, Oct 7 (Bernama) -- Four Umno branches and three non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in Putrajaya today lodged police reports against DAP publicity chief Tony Pua and want him to apologise openly for calling the Registrar of Societies (RoS) and Malay daily Utusan Malaysia as Umno's running dogs.

The four Umno branches are the Bunga Orkid, Bunga Ixora, Bunga Alamanda and Bunga Roselle, besides Putrajaya Umno division which also joined the action, while the three NGOs are the Kelab Belia Komuniti Putrajaya, Kelab Pendidikan Kesejahteraan Keluarga, Presint 9 and Koperasi Jaringan Komersial Melayu Putrajaya.

Bunga Ixora Umno branch head, Zarina Ismail said Pua's remark was malicious and seen as inciting the public to be angry and hate Ros and Utusan Malaysia.

"Pua should not have made the offensive remark as Ros was only carrying out its tasks as a body responsible for monitoring the running of associations and political parties in this country," she said after lodging the report at the Putrajaya district police headquarters, here.

Last Friday, Utusan Malaysia reported that Pua had made the "Umno running dogs" remark on his Facebook account on Sept 29 after the DAP central executive committee (CEC) re-election.

Zarina said the order for DAP to hold again the CEC election was not made on RoS' own accord but following complaints from party members on irregularities in the earlier CEC election last December.

"Therefore, Pua must learn to accept the mistakes made by his own party," she said.

Zarina urged Pua to openly apologise to all Umno members for his abusive remark and said that her Umno branch would not hesitate to take further action based on the law.

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