

**Tony Pua called RoS "running dogs" because it's a Malay organisation, says Utusan Malaysian Insider  
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Malay daily Utusan Malaysia continued its attack on DAP national publicity chief Tony Pua today for calling the Registrar of Societies (RoS) Umno's running dog.

In its attack on Pua, the paper's columnist Awang Selamat took a racial approach, describing the RoS as comprising of mainly Malay staff.

Awang Selamat, the pseudonym for Utusan's editorial team, referred to a statement by Kedah PAS member Wan Johari Wan Omar chiding Pua.

"Wan Johari told Pua to stop calling the RoS, which comprised mainly of Malay workers, dog because it was only carrying out its duties," the column said in its weekend edition, Mingguan Malaysia.

"The message is clear, Pua's words are disgusting and racist. It is up to the Malays to decipher Pua's message and read between the lines," said Awang Selamat.

The column suggested that Pua thought it was more satisfying to call a "Malay organisation" as "dogs", and asked if he would have done the same to a Chinese-majority organisation.

"For Awang, it is no longer a question of moral inferiority but a very extreme racial symptom.

"The provocation and insults towards Malays are not something new among the leaders of this party. They are ungrateful.

"Awang recalls the May 13 racial riots, which everyone knows were caused by provocation towards the Malays. Is Pua trying to sow the seeds for a repeat?" said the column.

Pua had said on Facebook that the RoS and Utusan were Umno's running dogs, following their insistence that DAP's party election last December was manipulated. The party held a fresh election last month.

Pua has defended his comments, saying he was stating the obvious.

"Doesn't Utusan take pride in carrying out Umno's instructions? Why are they complaining when I was merely stating the obvious," he told The Malaysian Insider.

He said Utusan had for weeks suggested that the party's top leaders, including secretary-general Lim Guan Eng, would be defeated at its central executive committee polls.

"The outcome of the polls proved that Utusan was nothing more than a frivolous gossip rag and an unscrupulous Umno mouthpiece.

"Our DAP delegates made Utusan eat humble pie," he said, referring to the same set of leaders re-elected last month. - October 13, 2013.

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