

Utusan says Lim Guan Eng should resign, let Liew lead DAP
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Malay-language daily Utusan Malaysia has urged Lim Guan Eng to resign as the DAP secretary-general because he did not get the highest number of votes at the recent DAP election.

Instead, the Umno mouthpiece said Lim should make way for Liew Chin Tong, the DAP Kluang MP who garnered the most votes in the election of the party's central executive committee (CEC) members.

"Awang Selamat agrees with the advice of several parties including former DAP politician Wee Choo Keong, that Guan Eng should step back and resign since he did not get the popular vote," commented the paper through its moniker for its editors, Awang Selamat, in its weekend edition Minggu Malaysia, today.

The paper however got its numbers wrong. It reported that Liew won 1,143 votes, placing Lim higher in terms of votes. Liew had in fact garnered 1,438 votes while Lim had 1,304 votes.

Saying "talk isn't the same as action", Utusan recalled that Lim was among opposition leaders who had "enthusiastically accused Barisan Nasional of not having the right to form the federal government when it failed to get the popular vote during the 13th General Election".

It said the recent DAP election points to Lim's waning influence.

"With the advantage of his position as secretary-general, Penang Chief Minister and the son of Lim Kit Siang, the fall in his ranking is a sign that the delegates do not want to elevate Guan Eng's status to the top," Awang Selamat added.

He went on: "However as expected, he was still chosen as the secretary-general. He could reject the position if he wants to under the name of upholding true democracy."

The paper then derided DAP for having different "democratic mathematics and yardstick".

It said the party is run not by its grassroots but by those who were more influential and feared.

"Going by the public perception, including by its members, who else this can be, if not the Lim Dynasty. 'Congrats'," it said, taking a poke at veteran leader Lim Kit Siang, Guan Eng's father.

For the record, Guan Eng is currently in his last term as secretary-general, following recent changes in DAP's constitution. - October 6, 2013.

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