

**Lim Guan Eng slams continued inaction on "lies" by Utusan, Umno blogger
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DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng (pic) has questioned the authorities' inaction against Umno-owned Utusan for "spreading dangerous lies".

He also asked why the police have not taken any action against Umno bloggers for publishing "lies", including the claim that the party wanted to set up a Christian state in Malaysia.

Lim said the DAP had made a police report but there has not been any action by the police.

He said the party was "consistent in opposing any establishment of a theocratic state, including opposing a Christian state".

The claims about the Christian state emerged back in 2011 when DAP attended a closed-door meeting with Christian pastors in Penang. Utusan then reported that the party was in cohorts with the religious figures to form a Christian state.

A police report on the matter was lodged by DAP Segambut MP Lim Lip Eng.

Guan Eng said the police stopped investigating the case involving the party and the pastors after no evidence was found.

"Even though police closed the case, no action was taken against these irresponsible groups who spread such lies," he said.

Lim's statement followed reports that police will scrutinise the Facebook comments posted by the DAP national publicity chief Tony Pua, in which he called the Registrar of Societies and Utusan Umno's running dogs.

Deputy Inspector-General of Police Datuk Seri Mohd Bakri Mohd Zinin said yesterday that the police will decide whether Pua should be investigated under a criminal law or under the Sedition Act 1948.

The war of words between Pua and Utusan began in the wake of RoS's ruling on DAP to hold a fresh election for its central executive committee (CEC) or face deregistration.

Utusan blew the lid off the issue by publishing articles about complaints from disgruntled DAP members, alleging that they had never received any notice of the election that was held in December.

Yesterday, an editorial piece in Utusan's weekend edition Mingguan Malaysia lashed out at Pua for his comments.

"Tony Pua clearly isn't confident to argue in a polite manner," it noted.

The phrase "running dogs" originates from a Mandarin word which refers to lackeys or lapdogs. - October 7, 2013.

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