

DAP MP commits political gaffe

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KUALA LUMPUR: DAP's Segambut MP Lim Lip Eng committed a major gaffe today by talking about handing over the task of handling the missing MH370 crisis to Pakatan Rakyat and then withdrawing that remark hours later.

Earlier in the day he told the media that if Pakatan leaders were made the head of the air force or navy, they will handle the MH370 crisis better.

"The DAP or PKR leaders will find the plane if they were made to head the air force or navy," he had said.

However several hours after making that remark, Lim issued a statement to retract it.

"Please accept my expression of deep regret for having made that comment," he said without giving any explanation.

He was earlier commenting on former MCA president Dr Chua Soi Lek's challenge to Pakatan Rakyat yesterday to launch its own search for the plane.

Yesterday, Chua criticised Pakatan for "dirty and disgusting politics" for attempting to score political mileage on the government's search for MH370.

"If Pakatan believes that it can deal with the situation better, then they should launch their own search for the plane which could not be found by 26 countries despite having the most advanced technology," said Chua.

Opposition Leader Anwar Ibrahim had previously questioned the failure of RMAF radar to detect the turn back of MH370 and mocked the government for its conflicting statements on the issue.

Earlier this week Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak ticks off Pakatan for politicising MH370, saying that "it is the time to show our solidarity with the relatives of the passengers on flight MH370".

MH370, with 239 passengers on board disappeared on civil radar an hour after taking off from the Kuala Lumpur International Airport at 12.40am on March 8.

Search operations has entered its 21st day and satellite images from Thailand and Japan have spotted 300 unidentified floating objects on southern Indian Ocean, some 2,500km away from Perth in Australia.

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