

**Lift ban on Pakatan leaders who want to attend rep's funeral, DAP tells Sarawak
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DAP wants the Sarawak government to lift the ban against several Pakatan Rakyat leaders so that they would be able to attend the funeral of Bukit Assek assemblyman Wong Ho Leng.

Vice-chairman Teresa Kok said the state had blacklisted several opposition federal lawmakers, including her, from entering it.

"The Sarawak chief minister has said on many occasions that his government would practise immigration autonomy and ban religious and racial bigots from entry into Sarawak. I am still baffled why my Pakatan Rakyat colleagues and I have been banned as we are certainly no religious or racial bigot.

"I have today faxed a letter to the office of the Sarawak chief minister to appeal to him to lift the ban on the Pakatan Rakyat MPs, so that we can attend Wong Ho Leng's funeral on Tuesday," the Seputeh MP said in a statement today.

She said Wong had been the first Pakatan MP in Sarawak when he won the Sibuloh by-election in 2010 and died on Saturday night after a long battle with cancer. He was 54.

Apart from Kok, PKR vice-president Chua Tian Chang, strategy director Rafizi Ramli and secretary-general Datuk Saifuddin Nasution Ismail have also been barred from entering Sarawak.

State DAP vice-chairman David Wong told reporters today that the Wong's wake has been slated to take place at 7am on Tuesday at his home before the funeral service, which will be held at Hwai Ang Tang Methodist Church.

Thereafter, Wong would be buried in the Jalan Kemuyang cemetery, the Star online quoted him as saying.

Chief Minister Tan Sri Adenan Satem is expected to pay his respects tomorrow. – June 22, 2014.

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