

DAP urges Putrajaya to take action in cow-head fracas
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The DAP has expressed shock over this morning's cow-head incident involving lawmaker R.S.N Rayer, and has called on Putrajaya to act against those using violence to intimidate others who disagreed with them.

DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng (pic, right) said it was time for Putrajaya to deal with these groups and their "barbaric and uncivilised acts" which threatened the peace and harmony in the country.

"We cannot allow these elements to threaten the peace and harmony we have in Penang and Malaysia," he said today, after a bloodied cow's head was thrown in front of Rayer's house in Island Glades this morning.

Lim added that the act was appalling and abominable.

Although he did not point his finger at Umno, he said this latest incident had similarities with the 2009 incident where "pro-Umno forces" brought a cow's head in a protest against the Selangor Pakatan Rakyat government.

"I am not saying that Umno is behind this. But this is a tactic used before by those who support Umno. I do not know if this is done by the same group.

"But the DAP condemns this act. It is not just done against Rayer personally but it seeks to intimidate and humiliate the entire Hindu community that regards the cow as a sacred animal," he said.

Lim, who is also the Penang chief minister, cited the latest controversial statements made by former Perkasa leader Zulkifli Nordin and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak which had stoked fear in the country.

The severed cow's head found in front of the house of Seri Delima Assemblyman R.S.N. Rayer today morning. – The Malaysian Insider pic by Hasnoor Hussain, June 28, 2014. The severed cow's head found in front of the house of Seri Delima Assemblyman R.S.N. Rayer today morning. – The Malaysian Insider pic by Hasnoor Hussain, June 28, 2014. Zulkifli yesterday had written on his blog, asking if "extremists" who question the Federal Court's decision to uphold the "Allah" ban in Catholic weekly Herald want to see a repeat of the May 13 racial riot.

Lim lamented that no action has been taken against Zulkifli for his remark or any remarks deemed seditious made by the former Kulim-Bandar Baru MP by the authorities.

Najib early this week told Umno members to emulate the courage of Middle Eastern militant group Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (Isil).

But, Putrajaya said the remarks made in passing by Najib had been taken out of context.

"Even the Malaysian government categorises Isil as a terrorist group... the government has to take steps to stop idolising the courage of militants and terrorists.

"If Najib's statement on this was taken out of context, he should be man and principled enough to withdraw it and apologise. Show the people that he is a moderate and he does not support such groups,"

Lim said.

Meanwhile, Rayer (pic, left) said he is deeply disappointed with the uncivilised, rude and irresponsible act by those behind the incident.

Northeast district police chief Assistant Commissioner Mior Faridaltrash Wahid also went to Rayer's home after he reported the incident.

Rayer said his closed circuit television (CCTV) had caught the culprit on tape.

However, the face of the individual, who came on a motorcycle, was concealed, he said.

"His bike's number plate was also covered.

"He came to my gate, threw the cow head and performed a funny dance for a few seconds before speeding off.

"I don't know if it was a ritual or he did it just to mock the CCTV," he said. – June 28, 2014.

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