

Gerakan, MCA should demand apology from Zahid over cow-head remark, says DAP
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MCA and Gerakan ministers should demand a public apology from Home Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Zahid Hamidi for saying DAP assemblyman R.S.N Rayer deserved to have a cow's head dumped outside his home, the party said today.

DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng said while the two Barisan Nasional (BN) components had criticised Zahid, none approached the minister over his comment.

"The three new MCA and Gerakan ministers should demand that Zahid apologise for saying Rayer deserved the cow-head incident," Lim said in a statement today.

"MCA and Gerakan had criticised Ahmad Zahid for condoning the cow-head attack on Rayer's home and saying it was the price Rayer had to pay for being a big mouth."

Lim said MCA and Gerakan should also demand that Ahmad Zahid apologise for calling the Chinese ungrateful during the Teluk Intan by-election last month.

DAP vice-chairperson Teresa Kok went a step further in her attack on Zahid, calling for his removal as home minister following his response to the cow-head incident.

"Yesterday, he (Zahid) again proved how unfit he is to be home minister when he not only failed to condemn the cow head, but also

said it was the result of Rayer's big mouth.

"No matter how upset he was against Rayer's "celaka Umno" remark made last month's in the Penang legislative assembly, as home minister, Zahid should condemn the act and assure Rayer's safety, yet he chose to make the irresponsible remarks," she said.

Yesterday morning, a severed cow's head was dumped outside the home of the Sri Delima assemblyman.

Rayer had triggered a storm of protests after he uttered "Umno celaka" at the Penang legislative assembly last month, but he did not link the incident to his remark.

Zahid expressed sympathy over the incident, but added: "It is the price he has to pay for being a big mouth."

Kok today said it was laughable that Zahid should call Rayer "big mouth", since he was a "big mouth minister" himself.

"It is obvious that Zahid can't tell what is right or wrong and the question again arises whether he is committed to upholding the rule of law, peace and harmony in the country," she said.

"In just slightly more than a year, Zahid has proved himself to be the most unsuitable home minister in the nation's history."

She said in October last year, Zahid came under severe criticism when he reportedly advocated a "shoot-first" policy for the police when dealing with suspected gang members.

In February this year, he dismissed the slap threat made against Kok by the "self-styled Council of Islamic NGOs".

"The prime minister's recent failure to get rid of underperformers in the so-called cabinet reshuffle was a setback to his transformation agenda which he has often talked about.

"He must not disappoint the public again. He should drop Zahid altogether from the cabinet, or at the very least, change his portfolio," said Kok. – June 29, 2014.

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