

## **ROS practicing double standards, says Kit Siang**

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KUALA LUMPUR: The Registrar of Societies (ROS) would have deregistered most of BN component parties had it adhered strictly to the law, DAP parliamentary leader, Lim Kit Siang claimed.

“The ROS would have probably dissolved most of the BN component parties for breaching the law, whether it is Umno, MCA and MIC,” said the DAP veteran leader in a press conference, held at the party headquarters.

He said this when asked to comment about ROS’ inaction on irregularities in MIC’s internal polls last November.

Candidates have lodged complaints over irregularities in the party polls that was held in November 2013 but there was no action taken by ROS.

To date the authority has yet to issue any statement on the matter. It is however learnt that ROS officers visited the MIC headquarters earlier this week.

It is still unclear if they had taken any files from the party headquarters.

The DAP has filed a case against ROS after the agency refused to recognize the outcome of the party’s internal polls conducted in September last year.

The party’s initial polls conducted in December 2012 was not recognized by the ROS after members complained about irregularities in tabulating the votes.

ROS will be represented by lawyer Muhammad Shafee Abdullah. Shafee was also in the prosecution team in Anwar’s sodomy appeal in the Appeals Court last month.

“Lawyer Muhammad Shafee Abdullah has been roped in. It raises the question whether DAP’s destruction has been outsourced,” he said.

## **DAP will oppose hudud**

Meanwhile, on the issue of implementing hudud in Kelantan, Lim reaffirmed DAP’s steadfast opposition.

“Our stand remain unchanged. It is not suitable for a multiracial, multi religious Malaysia. It is also not part of the Common Policy Framework (CPF),” he said in reference to the agreement signed by Pakatan Rakyat component members that includes both PAS and DAP along with PKR.

Kelantan Menteri Besar Ahmad Yakob is planning to push for a private member’s Bill in

parliament through one of PAS' MPs to implement hudud in Kelantan. The state passed the Kelantan Syariah Criminal Court Enactment in 1993.

DAP veteran leader Karpal Singh and DAP's legal bureau chief Gobind Singh Deo have already stated their opposition against PAS' plans for an Islamic state. Karpal opposed the plans because the enactment is unconstitutional and is against national interest.

Lim also took on the MCA for harping over the issue for calling the DAP to make its stand known.

"Since they keep asking, we are prepared to give the MCA president (Liow Tiong Lai) and the deputy president (Wee Ka Siong) a course on politics free of charge and our stand against hudud. We have archives," said Lim.

Lim said this in response to Wee's challenge to non-Muslim MPs in PKR and the DAP to oppose the proposed Bill.

He also challenged Gelang Patah MP Lim Kit Siang and Bagan MP Lim Guan Eng, who is also party secretary-general to publicly state their stand on the Bill.

"In fact, DAP and PKR, who are allies of PAS, should even be held responsible for the attempt by the Islamist party to table the Bill," Wee had said on Wednesday.

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