

DAP not meddling in PAS's affairs, says Guan Eng
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DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng said the party's leaders were not meddling in PAS's affairs and that PAS should not slander others just because they make statements.

"Jangan fitnah (don't slander). PAS is the one that always said not to resort to slander, which is a great sin," he said when asked to comment on DAP being accused of interfering in the Islamist party's affairs.

PAS Dewan Ulama acting head Datuk Mahfodz Mohamad said today that DAP's constant attacks against PAS, including breaking off ties with its president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang, was a clear indication of meddling in the Islamist party's affairs.

He said DAP was interfering in PAS's election by saying that the party would only make a decision regarding its position in Pakatan Rakyat after the general assembly was concluded.

"It is a clear indication that DAP is meddling by everything that it is doing in order to get the delegates to choose new PAS leaders who are pro-PR," Mahfodz reportedly said.

Lim declined to comment further on the matter, telling reporters to refer to the remarks he had made yesterday.

"Let us deal with it after the muktamar (has concluded)," he said.

Lim said yesterday that he would not be drawn into PAS's internal campaigning for its general assembly or entertain personal attacks.

He said PAS was now harsher in its attacks against DAP, rather than its traditional political enemy Umno, in order to avoid answering the five questions he had posed to them last week.

Last week, Lim asked Hadi why he had broken PAS's commitment to the PR common manifesto and his promise to consult other PR leaders on the hudud issue, why he had expressed support for Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak in the midst of the RM42 billion 1Malaysia Development Berhad scandal, and why he wanted to form a unity government with Umno.

He also asked why Hadi had refused to support PKR president Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail in the recent Permatang Pauh by-election, and why he declared that it was obligatory for Muslims to be angry at DAP for opposing hudud when there were also other Muslims and non-Muslims who were against the implementation of hudud.

Ties between PAS and DAP have been going downhill since March when the Islamist party went ahead with the hudud bill in Kelantan and when Hadi tabled a private member's bill in the Dewan Rakyat in an attempt to amend the Shariah Courts Act to allow hudud to be implemented in the east coast state. – June 3, 2015.

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