

Unlike DAP, no need for PKR to publicise new Malay members, says Rafizi

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Unlike DAP, PKR feels there is no "necessity" for it to publicise new young Malay members who are joining the party consistently, vice-president and secretary-general Rafizi Ramli said today.

"We continue to attract a lot of young Malays on a weekly and monthly basis," he said.

DAP, on the other hand, are attracting Malay members who are "brands" on their own, he said during a forum on coalitions in Kuala Lumpur today.

"The only difference is we don't have to go and tell the public, as opposed to DAP," he said.

DAP had in event times publicised its new Malay members, even fielding one of them, Dyana Sofya Mohd Daud, for a parliamentary by-election in Teluk Intan last year.

"I think it's important for DAP to do that in order for us to move away from race based politics," he said.

"But if we do the same, and say we have new Malay members, people will say 'obviously'," he said.

"For DAP, the obstacle are the Malays, and we encourage (Malays joining DAP)," he said.

Meanwhile, he also insisted that PKR will never consider working with Umno in a coalition government.

Instead, he said, he would "walk out" if such a situation comes about.

"I will walk out because we are not in politics for the sake of power," he said. – September 20, 2015.

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