

**DAP Trying To Gain From Cheap Politics While Flood Victims Suffer - Perak MB
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LUMUT, Jan 2 (Bernama) -- Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abd Kadir, Friday slammed DAP for trying to gain from cheap politics by portraying him as arrogant and insensitive, by claiming that Perak had refused to accept a contribution of RM100,000 from the Selangor government to assist flood victims in the state.

Describing the allegation against him by Chong Ze Min, the political secretary to the Perak DAP chairman, as rude and uncouth, Zambry said DAP was trying to take advantage of the situation where there were people facing hardship due to the floods.

"This is the kind of politicians who are bankrupt of ideas, as there is too much politics in their heads. They will politicise anything. While people are in difficulties and suffering, they accuse me of being arrogant and insensitive.

"For two weeks, we have been going back and forth between Hulu Perak (Upper Perak) and Hilir Perak (Lower Perak) to look at the flood situation and help the victims," Zambry told reporters after visiting flood victims at the relief centre in Sekolah Kebangsaan Kayan, Manjung, near Lumut.

The Perak MB said the state government had never rejected contributions from any party to help the people.

He thanked Selangor Menteri Besar Mohamed Azmin Ali for confirming that the contribution had been received by the Perak government, which corrected a statement made earlier by DAP.

Zambry said the focus now should be on helping the flood victims and not on gaining political mileage.

Meanwhile, Perak Gerakan adviser Tan Sri Chang Ko Youn said he found it appalling the way DAP exploited the flood issue for political mileage.

"The truth is that the Selangor government insisted to hand over the cheque to the Perak menteri besar personally, which is difficult at this juncture due to his heavy commitment to the work on the ground and he (Zambry) has been working tirelessly for weeks to help the flood victims," he said in a statement.

Chang said Perak had asked the Selangor government to hand over the donation to any NGO including Yayasan Bina Upaya, but Selangor refused to do so and was more interested to have a ceremony.

He said it was distressful and nauseating to see DAP more interested in seeking publicity and exploiting the flood situation for political gains.

"Malaysians must reject politicians who are more keen on political gains than the welfare of flood victims," he said.

He urged DAP to stop making such irresponsible statements and to reprimand the state DAP for such an exploitative and appalling conduct.

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