

DAP now Umno's punching bag because it has lost its way, says Kit Siang
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DAP has now been made a common enemy of Umno and PAS because the lead ruling Malay party has lost its direction and sense of purpose, DAP parliamentary leader Lim Kit Siang said today.

Umno was in fact afraid of DAP, which is now seen as the "main enemy", Lim said, because the opposition party was a truly Malaysian political party that represented all demographic profiles.

"DAP has become the favourite punching bag in the Umno general assembly, which is a reflection of the loss of direction and the sense of purpose of the Umno leadership, which have strayed far from the Umno founding principles to serve the Malay community and the multi-ethnic country.

"DAP has never wavered from our mission to be a Malaysian political party, representing all races, religions, regions, classes and age groups in the country, and this is why DAP has grown from strength to strength in the past 50 years.

"This is why Umno is now afraid of DAP and perceives DAP as its 'main enemy' – not because DAP, Chinese or non-Malays will dominate and exploit the Malays and Muslims, but because Umno is losing support of Malays and Muslims as it is not prepared to stop the rampant corruption and injustices of its policies," Lim said in a statement.

Umno's fear, he added, stemmed from the fact that DAP would be able to make inroads into Umno areas.

His statement today was in response to the Umno general assembly, which ended yesterday, during which party president Datuk Seri Najib Razak had warned Malays that choosing DAP would result in a government that was [anti-Islam](#).

An Umno delegate during the debates had also described DAP as the "main enemy" instead of PAS, which was Umno's traditional rival for the Malay-Muslim vote.

Lim said by this logic, Umno should declare its partners in the Barisan Nasional coalition as enemies as well, since they were not exclusively Malay-Muslim parties.

Lim said DAP did not regard Umno's three million members and PAS's one million members as enemies but simply Malaysians with different political beliefs.

"We are always prepared to engage with them for the common purpose to save the nation and not just to save individuals or political parties." – December 13, 2015.

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