

Unlike Umno, DAP is like a family, says Guan Eng
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DAP is like a family whose members stand together against those out to destroy them, said secretary-general Lim Guan Eng, adding that Barisan Nasional (BN) did not understand this show of unity.

"We are not like Umno, where the president and deputy president fight against each other," he said, referring to the fallout between Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak and his deputy Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

Lim said DAP was also unlike MCA, which did not support its former president Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik who was being sued by Najib.

He said DAP members gave undivided support to its mentor and veteran leader Lim Kit Siang when he was suspended from Parliament for six months for speaking up on the 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) and RM2.6 billion controversies.

"Here, we support each other. (Penang DAP chairman) Chow Kon Yeow has supported me as the secretary-general and Penang chief minister, while I support him as state chief and a senior exco member of the state government.

"This is essential to the success of Penang DAP and Penang government," Lim said at the Penang DAP convention this morning.

Lim and his administration have come under fire lately after they openly hit out at five PKR assemblymen for abstaining in a motion by BN on land reclamation at the Penang state assembly.

Critics have slammed the state for its refusal to allow its backbenchers to air their differing views on the issue.

There were also reports of unhappiness within Penang DAP that its assemblyman Teh Yee Cheu, who supported the BN motion, had to apologise for his mistake.

Teh, outspoken in environmental issues, resigned as the state DAP organising secretary earlier last week over his action.

Lim said he himself would support the BN motion, which called for public hearings for land reclamation projects and for such new developments to be stalled until detailed studies were done, if the BN-led federal government gave Penang an indemnity clause to safeguard the state from being sued and going bankrupt. – November 29, 2015.

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