

DAP still a Chinese party, Perkasa tells Malays
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Perkasa chief Datuk Ibrahim Ali today warned Malays to be wary of DAP's attempt to win over the community ahead of the 14th general election.

He insisted that DAP was essentially a chauvinistic and race-based party, after The Malaysian Insider reported today that the party was expected to field Malay candidates in Selangor state seats held by PAS.

"Even though DAP is diverse in terms of its constitution, as long as its leadership does not reflect the racial composition (of Malaysia), DAP is still a chauvinistic and Chinese party," said Ibrahim at a press conference today.

It was reported that DAP would field new Malay faces as candidates in the next general election in 2018, among them Syefura Othman, Dr Abdul Aziz Bari, Edry Faizal Eddy Yusof, Sheikh Omar Ali and Abdul Aziz Isa.

The plan followed the findings of think-tank Institut Darul Ehsan (IDE) that almost two-thirds of Malays respondents in a survey felt that DAP was anti-Islam, anti-Malay and served the interest of the Chinese community.

The survey was conducted in November with 1,716 Malay respondents in Selangor, and the rising anti-DAP sentiment was attributed to attacks by Umno and PAS.

Some of those identified as potential candidates, however, would not confirm their selection.

"That's why I hope that the Malays do not get too thrilled with the notion that DAP will defend the Malays and Islam," Ibrahim said today.

He said so far, he had yet to find the party "walking the talk", especially on issues involving Article 153 of the Federal Constitution concerning Malay privileges.

"What is being said (by DAP), much be matched with actions and deeds," he said.

Ibrahim also expressed concern over the stance of DAP's Malay members over the issue.

"Maybe, there will be some kind of a political bargaining, between the Malays in DAP... (and) that they can amend the constitution (if the party wins the election and given the chance to rule)," he said. – January 12, 2016.

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