

Sidelining PKR Assemblyman Cheah Inappropriate - Penang PKR Chairman

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GEORGE TOWN, Nov 24 (Bernama) -- The decision to exempt PKR's Kebun Bunga assemblyman Cheah Kah Peng from handling flood aid allocation is inappropriate and shows disrespect for the people who had voted for him in the last general election, said Penang PKR chairman Datuk Mansor Othman.

He said as an elected representative who had received the mandate from the people in the last general election, Cheah should not be prevented from serving and carrying out his duties for Kebun Bunga residents.

He said the move to hand over the responsibility to DAP's Pulau Tikus assemblyman Yap Soo Huey was also seen as sidelining PKR in the DAP-led state administration.

"We would like to stress that this action has somewhat affected the spirit of friendship in Pakatan Harapan.

"Penang Parti Keadilan Rakyat is of the view that it is during this post-flood period that it is important for us to bridge the gap and to plan strategies so that the people will realise that the current government listens and understands what the people are going through," he said in a statement here today.

Yesterday, Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng in a press conference said he and Yap would be supervising the registration of flood victims for Kebun Bunga constituency due to internal procedural changes.

According to Mansor, the excuse given was very naive and difficult to accept as no discussions were held with the state PKR to take away the allocation provided for the Kebun Bunga assemblyman.

Meanwhile, Pulau Betong assemblyman Datuk Dr Muhamad Farid Saad described Lim's move to leave the PKR assemblyman out of the flood aid approval process as very undemocratic.

"Isn't PKR part of Penang Pakatan Harapan government?" he asked.

He said the DAP-led Penang government was now seen as ignoring the voices of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and people in the state who had contributed towards DAP's victory in the 2008 and 2013 general elections.

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