

DAP: Ling breached²¹ code of ethics

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PETALING JAYA, Wed: The Prime Minister should take over the Transport Ministry and launch a national campaign to slash road fatality and accident rates by half within a year, says the DAP.

It alleged that Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik has breached the 14-point code of ethics for Cabinet ministers spelt out by Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad "as Ling has not been responsible in his duties".

Cabinet ministers have been directed to carry out their duties with loyalty, efficiency and dedication as well as to be "hands on", DAP national chairman Lim Kit Siang said today.

Lim said in a statement that Ling has shown "utter indifference" to the 73 road deaths in six days of *Ops Static IV*, although he should be the minister most concerned by the problem.

"Even the PM has been moved by the holiday road carnage to caution drivers yesterday that their own impatience on the road could be the potential killer," Lim said.

Ling, he added, should be devising a new strategy to cut down such "criminal waste of human lives and costs on the roads".

Referring to Perusahaan Otomobil Nasional Bhd's zero-accident campaign which reduced fatal motorcycle accidents among Proton staff from seven in 1993 to three last year, Lim said Ling should be promoting such a commendable campaign for the country.