

'Make report on jump issue public'

PETALING JAYA, Sun: The DAP wants the inquiry report into the million-ringgit South Pole parachute jump scandal be made public without delay to avoid parliamentary censure. *SUN 31/1/2000*

National chairman Lim Kit Siang urged Youth and Sports Minister Datuk Hishammuddin Hussein to ensure a speedy investigation into the scandal.

If there was e-mail correspondence as early as last Dec 12 to show that the Russians had called off

the jump, then the whole Malaysian expedition was a charade, he said.

"It also raises the question as to the role and responsibility of the ministry in this scam, not only for allocating RM780,000 but as the co-organiser," he said in a statement today.

Lim described as "most shocking" if it is true that Fikiran Syndicate Millennium Jump 2000 organising chairman G. Siva Kumar had sent contradicting letters dated a day apart to the American

coordinator and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"In a letter dated Jan 16, Siva is said to have written to the American coordinator for a refund of US\$10,000 (RM38,000) per team member due to the cancellation of the jump.

"Yet, in another letter dated Jan 17, he had reported to Mahathir that the team had successfully made a jump over the South Pole on Jan 13 and invited him to receive them at the KL International Airport," he said.
