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Ling: Stop harping on Abu Hassan Tan issue

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - MCA members have been told not pursue the controversy surrounding Abu Hassan Tan Abdullah - the man at the centre of Datuk Seri Abu Hassan's controversial resignation.

MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said even Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had said that the issue of the resignation of the former Selangor Menteri Besar was closed.

Dr Ling was asked to comment about the 32 MCA branches under the Ampang Jaya division which held a demonstration yesterday asking Tan to clarify the controversy.

"They should stop at once," he said, adding the party would look into whether the branches had contravened party regulations by holding the demonstration.

The former Menteri Besar has said that Tan - a news report has identified him as Tan Hoon, the Ampang Jaya MCA division chairman - converted to Islam and married his sister-in-law in 1987.

Abu Hassan said he had merely helped his sister-in-law, who wanted to have children, to marry his best friend, a Chinese, who converted and adopted a name similar to his.

Yesterday, the division's vice-chairman and Pandan Indah branch chairman Ang Say Tee called on Tan to declare openly whether he has converted to Islam and was the husband of Abu Hassan's sister-in-law.

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