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I love Barisan Nasional, says Tan

PENANG, Mon. - "I love the Barisan Nasional" declared Jawi Assemblyman Tan Cheng Liang in dismissing Penang DAP's offer to her and Lim Boo Chang (BN-Datuk Keramat) to join the party if they are expelled from the BN.

"The thought of joining the Opposition has never crossed my mind because I love BN," said Tan.

The two Assemblymen are in the eye of a political storm after they chose to abstain when votes were individually polled on a motion tabled by the Opposition in the State Legislative Assembly on Thursday.

Tan and Lim had abstained on the motion by DAP representative Law Heng Kiang (Batu Lintang) that the RM1.02 billion Penang Outer Ring Road (PORR) project be deferred.

"I have always been a BN supporter because I particularly love the Vision 2020 concept as envisioned by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad," she said, when asked to comment on a statement by Penang DAP chairman Chow Kon Yeow that they were ready to accept Tan and Lim if they were expelled by BN.

Tan said she was sad that fellow BN component parties had been fast to condemn her, adding that she was ready to explain to BN leaders why she had abstained.

Lim could not be contacted for comment on the issue.