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DON'T BLOW UP ISSUE, FONG TELLS MEDIA AND PARTIES

PUTRAJAYA, Nov 27 (Bernama) -- The media and political parties were told not to blow up the issue on the two Barisan Nasional state assemblymen who abstained from voting against a motion by the opposition at the Penang State Legislative Assembly recently.

MCA Vice President Datuk Dr Fong Chan Onn who made the statement said it would not bring Barisan Nasional any benefit. "Let's gather information on the matter and discuss it later," Dr Fong told reporters after chairing the post-cabinet meeting at the Human Resources Ministry.

Dr Fong was responding to a question on whether the two assemblymen - Tan Cheng Liang (Jawi) dan Lim Boo Chang (Datuk Keramat) - would face the MCA Disciplinary Board and its Central Committee for further action.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday what Tan and Lim did was a serious breach of party discipline hence action may ensue.

Tan and Lim abstained from voting against an opposition motion to postpone the Penang Outer Ring Highway project.

Dr Fong said the matter would be discussed with MCA President Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik when he returns from his holidays.

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