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MCA PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL'S DECISION: ABDULLAH WANTS EXPLANATION FROM
MCA

KUCHING, Dec 16 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi wants an explanation from MCA regarding the suspension sentence imposed by its presidential council against its two Penang assemblymen.

"I certainly want to know what it means by 'indefinitely'...if 'indefinitely' is to mean until the end of their respective terms as BN elected representatives, then it could be viewed as a stern decision, meaning no more role for them as BN assemblymen," he reporters after attending a Hari Raya get-together organised by the Sarawak Malay Cultural Foundation and Hikmah at the Petra Jaya Unity Stadium here tonight.

The MCA Presidential Council today decided to suspend indefinitely Tan Cheng Liang (BN-Jawi) and Lim Boo Chang (BN-Datuk Keramat) for their actions when they decided to abstain from voting against a DAP motion to defer the RM1.02 billion Penang Outer Ring Road (PORR) Project until the completion of the RM400 million Jelutong Expressway during the Penang state legislative assembly sitting on Nov 21.

However Abdullah said that if the suspension was for a short period of time then it would be meaningless and would not commensurate with the gravity of the offence committed.

He said MCA would probably have explained the rationale of the presidential council's decision to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who is also the BN Chairman.

Earlier in his speech at the function, Abdullah said the tradition of holding open house during festive seasons must be continued to promote greater unity among the various races in the country.

He said the country's greatest achievement was the strong unity which prevailed among its people.

Also present at the function was Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud and organising committee chairman Senator Datuk Taha Ariffin who is Sarawak Malay Cultural Foundaton Deputy Chairman.

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