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Ting appeals for end to talk

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - MCA secretary-general Datuk Seri Dr Ting Chew Peh today advised all quarters to refrain from making any comment on the two Penang MCA Assemblymen who abstained from voting against a motion tabled by the Opposition in the State Assembly.

Ting, when met at MCA headquarters, said any comment made would only worsen the situation and create more confusion.

"I hope all quarters will refrain from making any statements on the issue. Let us leave it to the party leadership and Barisan Nasional chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to make a final decision."

MCA vice-president Datuk Fong Chan Onn said the party was in the process of collecting a full report on the incident from the State MCA leadership to be presented to the party's central committee.

"This issue should not be blown out of proportion as it can jeopardise the BN spirit and furthermore, we can settle it amicably," said Fong, who is also Human Resources Minister.

Meanwhile, former MCA secretary-general Datuk Tan Tiong Hong, when contacted, said action must be taken against the duo as they had breached the party discipline.

However, we should look into precedents before deciding on action to be taken, he added.