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REVEAL THE POLITICIAN PROTECTING LOAN SHARKS - MUHYIDDIN

MUAR, Dec 7 (Bernama) -- Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin wants MCA Youth Chief Datuk Ong Tee Kiat to reveal the politician he claims is protecting loan sharks.

He said if Ong knows the person he should expose to avoid suspicion and stop the public from speculating the politician or the party.

"Ong should report directly to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad if he knows who is involved," he told reporters during the open house at his residence in Jalan Timbalan here today.

Muhyiddin, who is also Umno vice-president and Pagoh Umno Division Chief, said Ong should not be secretive about it and if he does not wish to reveal in public, then the right forum should be used so action could be taken.

It is not a question of who is involved, so long they are illegal moneylenders action should be taken against them.

Replying to reporters, he said all parties should see the matter objectively to curb the social menace from spreading, including considering legal and enforcement aspects.

"We have to review the existing laws which may not be adequate and needed to be amended," he said adding that his ministry is prepared to take responsibility for implementing the laws. -- BERNAMA

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