

Penang duo suspended at BN's pleasure

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KUALA LUMPUR: Barisan Nasional (BN) Supreme Council has accepted the MCA's decision to suspend indefinitely two assemblymen for not voting against an opposition motion in the Penang state assembly last November.

However, the BN will determine the duration of the suspension on Lim Boo Chang (Datuk Keramat) and Tan Cheng Liang (Jawi).

Prime Minister and BN chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad

said yesterday. "Since MCA has decided to suspend the two, it is BN's responsibility to determine how long they will be suspended. It is no longer MCA's responsibility."

He said the council discussed at length the duo's suspension for ignoring the whip and abstaining during the vote on a DAP motion to postpone the RM1.2 billion Penang Outer Ring Road project.

Mahathir also said that the BN will

have a code of ethics to supervise its state assemblymen and MPs to ensure that they toe the line and abide by all decisions of the BN leadership.

He said that the draft code of ethics would be discussed at the next BN Supreme Council meeting. Mahathir added: "All BN assemblymen and MPs must support the BN government or have the same opinion with it, even in states where the BN is the opposition."