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MCA duo not lodging report

Chow Kum Hor; Tan Yi Kai

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - Two MCA leaders implicated in a poison-pen letter containing defamatory remarks about party vice-president Datuk Seri Ong Ka Ting today dropped their move to lodge a police report.

Ong dissuaded central committee member Senator Yew Teong Look and Youth vice-head Hang Chin Pheng from lodging a report.

Hang said they decided that there was no necessity in lodging a report as Ong's report yesterday was very comprehensive.

"Ong told us that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi had expressed concern over the matter."

Ong, who is Housing and Local Government Minister, this morning attended the weekly Cabinet meeting chaired by Dr Mahathir.

Yesterday, Ong lodged a police report over a poison-pen letter written in Chinese, which linked him to triads.

Ong had said the report was to "show his no-nonsense attitude" in dealing with people who spread malicious allegations about him.

Yew and Hang were also named as triad members in Kuala Lumpur.

"Whatever said in the letter is false. These people have no ethics and are irresponsible and intended to discredit Ka Ting, Yew and me," Hang said.

He expressed disappointment that the letter also accused him of peddling Ecstasy pills simply because he was often shaking his head.

Hang said his head movement was due to a muscular disorder caused by an accident a few years ago.

MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said he had not seen the poison-pen letter.