

**Sivan temple issue cheap publicity for political gains**  
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Politicians should stop seeking cheap publicity and mileage for their own selfish gains. There are politicians who are demanding that the Sivan Temple, Jalan Bukit Gasing, PJ be opened within the next one week.

The Bukit Gasing Sivan Temple was issued a stop work order in 2007 when it was found that the building extension plans were not submitted for approval. It was found that safety aspects was not according to the bylaws. There were fears that the temple structure was not strong enough to withstand land slides that may occur due to heavy rains.

Until the safety of the structural system of the building is guaranteed, the temple was not allowed to be opened to the public. The safety of the worshippers and the residents nearby are more vital than the selfish needs of some politicians. People's life is more important than these political heros. We don want to see another Highland Tower disaster.

However I wish to call on the MBPJ and the Selangor government to look into this issue at the earliest and ensure that all safety features meet the required bylaws so that the temple can be given permission to function for the good of the worshippers of PJ. The temple has been closed for too long a period.

But safety needs must not be compromised for any reasons. Giving due respect to the Hindus I am strongly of the opinion that safety of the public is more important than anything else.

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