

## **No need to revisit divisive Chin Peng issue, says Soi Lek**

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While there have been suggestions of late for exiled former secretary-general of the Communist Party of Malaya (CPM) Chin Peng to be allowed to return to Malaysia, MCA feels there is no need to revisit this controversial issue.

This is because the nation already has many contentious matters to deal with, said MCA president Dr Chua Soi Lek today after a central committee meeting in Kuala Lumpur.

NONE"I feel that we should let Chin Peng's case rest. We have enough issues to divide this nation, there is no need introduce a new one.

"When you talk about Chin Peng, the communist insurgency is recalled. Many suffered then, and there is no need to relive those times," he said.

Former special branch deputy director Yuen Yuet Leng this week called for Chin to be allowed to return, and DAP president Karpal Singh today echoed the call.

In another development, Chua said his party could not vet its potential members to identify if they have any underworld background.

"MCA has adopted an open policy; anyone can join the party if he or she a Chinese Malaysian and above 18 years old.

"When we extend our services, we don't choose who we are going to serve, we don't ask if they come from the underworld. We can't ask such questions to those who come to us for service," he said.

Chua was responding to Home Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi who said the authorities have identified and will reveal the politicians they claim are involved with triads.

He was also asked about the allegations spread online linking MCA with triads.

"I am saying in term of service, (MCA) may have helped those connected to triads, (however, their backgrounds) are beyond our knowledge," he said.

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