

## **MCA's Liow dared to stop bowing to Umno**

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DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng has taken a dig at MCA by telling its president Liow Tiong Lai to have the courage not to bow to Umno, its ally in the BN.

Liow (left), he said, should heed outgoing Sarawak Chief Minister Abdul Taib Mahmud's advice that whoever succeeds him must strive to keep Umno and its brand of racially divisive politics out of the state.

Lim is not happy with MCA deputy president Wee Ka Siong's call to the DAP's Seputeh MP Teresa Kok to apologise for her Chinese New Year video clip which has angered some Malay NGOs.

"The new MCA leadership has signalled that there is no change in MCA's complete submissiveness to Umno," Lim said of Wee's call.

"Wee has betrayed Malaysians and the Chinese community by calling for Kokk to apologise not for some wrongdoing but to submit and appease the extremists and racists in Umno."

Kok had uploaded the clip, 'Onederful Malaysia CNY 2014' on Youtube on Jan 27. It poked fun at issues plaguing the country like price hikes, excessive spending by the leaders and the crime rate.

Lim said DAP does not need MCA's advice but would ask Kok to apologise if she indeed had poked fun at the Sulu terrorist intrusion in Lahad Datu, Sabah, last year.

However nothing was mentioned in the video clip about the Sulu incident, he noted.

"If the Umno racists and their MCA apologists had seen the video clip it was clearly directed at the kidnap-murder of Taiwanese tourists in Sabah," Lim (left) said.

"Instead of watching the video to seek the truth, both Umno and MCA have distorted it to racialise the issue to divide Malaysians so that they can divert attention from the price hikes by BN on petrol, sugar, electricity power tariffs and motor insurance premium."

Lim urged MCA and BN to apologise to all Malaysians for the price hikes and also the drop in the value of the ringgit as seen by the record low of RM2.62 to the Singapore dollar.

"Instead of demanding that action be taken against those who want to slap a woman by offering a cash reward, MCA has once again turned its back on the Chinese community and the principles of logic, reason and fair play," Lim said.

"If MCA claims that it is representing the Chinese community, has Wee done a poll that records that this is the wish and consensus of the community?"

Lim said MCA has shown its complete disconnect from the aspirations of the community, which wants justice, truth, freedom and democracy like other Malaysians, and is "firmly opposed to discrimination, violence and oppression of fundamental human rights".

MCA must apologise to me, says Kok

Meanwhile, Kok (left) herself fired back that MCA leaders should apologise to her instead of the other way around.

She said this is because MCA leaders, especially its "rambling" deputy president Wee, were just dancing to the tune played by Umno leaders and extremists.

Kok, in a statement, said that MCA has shamelessly twisted the meaning, purpose and contents of her video.

"I demand Wee show which part of my video 'curses others'?"

"I have said that my video did not touch on race, religion, royalty, the Lahad Datu incident or our security forces. I will only apologise if anyone can show that my video is anti-Malay or anti-Islam as alleged by some irresponsible people," Kok said.