

Three exco members missing, MCA blames CM
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Pakatan Rakyat may have constantly complained about federal ministers failing to address important queries in Parliament but its own executive councillors have gone missing from the Penang state assembly and an annoyed MCA is blaming Penang Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng for it.

MCA vice-president Chew Mei Fun said Lim (left) had approved the leave for the overseas trip of the three exco members, even though it coincided with the last day of state assembly sitting, with the winding-up session taking place.

Chew said the dates of the state assembly sitting were known to Lim and three exco members three-and-a-half months ago.

“Therefore, Guan Eng cannot give the excuse that when he gave approval for their leave, he was unaware that the date of their travel coincided with the assembly’s sitting,” she said in a press statement today.

The three referred to are Deputy Chief Minister I Mohd Rashid Hasnon, Dr Afif Bahardin and Abdul Malik Abul Kassim.

Not clear whether private or official trip

According to Chew, though it was not clear whether the trip was for private or official matters, the absence of Mohd Rashid, Afif and Abdul Malik three had rendered the Penang State administration incapable of replying questions from state backbenchers.

“Hence, the views and questions by the rakyat that were put forward could not be addressed nor answered,” she added.

She also criticised Lim and his exco members for their incapability in living up to the CAT (Competency, Accountability and Transparency) governance extolled by Pakatan.

“Lim should wield responsibility and lead his deputy chief minister and the two excos representing the state government to apologise to Penangites,” she said.

Chew also echoed Penang opposition leader Jahara Hamid's proposal to dock the salaries of the three exco members at the next state assembly sitting.

