

**Focus on MAS tragedy, not sexy kebaya, PAS told
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MH17 MCA has slammed PAS for exploiting the MH17 tragedy for religious mileage in harping on Malaysia Airlines (MAS) flight stewardesses' uniforms and its alcohol policy.

"It is unfortunate that PAS had chosen to exploit the MH17 tragedy instead of targeting terrorism and violence that had caused so many deaths of innocent good souls.

"To skew this international tragedy to score political brownie points is typical of PAS and Pakatan culture, whose only skill is to exploit issues, capitalise tragedies and magnify problems," MCA religious harmony bureau chairperson Ti Lian Ker said in a statement today.

Ti called on the Islamist political party to stop behaving like "katak di bawah tempurung" (ignorant) and told it to observe the uniforms of staff of Middle Eastern airlines, which he claimed are more revealing than of MAS staff.

"The knee length uniform skirts for the female cabin crew of Gulf Air from Bahrain, Etihad Airways and Emirate Airlines from the United Arab Emirates, Royal Jordanian Airlines and Qatar Airways, which expose the knees, calves and shins are more revealing than MAS' modest kebaya uniforms," Ti said.

He also criticised PAS for its calls not to serve alcohol on board MAS flights.

"If PAS finds alcohol so offensive, why does it not channel its demands against the Zone Duty Free KLIA which sells duty-free liquor, and at all other international hotels based in Kuala Lumpur?" Ti asked.

He was responding to Kedah PAS Youth information chief Ahmad Tarmizi Sulaiman (right) who caused a stir yesterday saying MAS's recent misfortune was a result of its policy of serving alcohol and the crew's uniform.

Ong dismissed Tarmizi's defence, that his words had been taken out of context and the he was merely asking for MAS to review its alcohol policy, as "damage control".

Meanwhile Kelantan MCA liaison committee deputy chairperson Tan Ken Ten, in a separate statement, chimed in on the matter, saying that a ban on alcohol would infringe the rights of non-Muslims.

