

Sack Ian Chin, says Dr M's ex-aide
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Dr Mahathir Mohamad's former political secretary Matthias Chang today called for the sacking of High Court judge Ian Chin for insulting and defaming his ex-boss.
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"He (Ian Chin) must be sacked for slandering a great Malay leader," the lawyer told reporters after lodging a police report against the judge for allegedly making defamatory remarks against the former prime minister.

The report was lodged at the Travers police station in Kuala Lumpur at 2.30pm.

On Tuesday, Chin described Mahathir as a 'devil's incarnate' among other remarks made openly in court during an election petition hearing filed by a DAP candidate in Sarawak against his victorious BN opponent.

judge ian hn chin ding kuong hiing wong hua seh and sarikei parliament election judgement 100608 "I'm of the view that the judge has committed contempt of court. His behaviour has scandalised the court and brought the entire judiciary into disrepute," Chang said.

"Since he dared to make such statements in open court, I challenge him to a public debate on the issue. Then, we will see if he can commit to his statements," he added.

Chin erred as a judge

Chang also condemned Chin for his previous allegations against Mahathir accusing the former premier of indoctrinating judges to make pro-government decisions when he was in office.

"What's more startling is that since June 9, the chief justice, the president of the Court of Appeal, the chief judge of Malaya and the chief judge of Sarawak and Sabah have remained silent regarding the conduct of Ian Chin," he said.

According to Chang, three of the four judges mentioned were present during the Judges' Conference in 1997 but they neither confirmed nor denied the allegations made by Chin.

However, Mahathir had refuted Chin's claims of him making veiled attempts at threatening the judges to deliver judgments favourable to the government during the conference which Chin calimed was nothing more than a boot camp to explain the workings of the Malaysian political system.

matthias chang ibrahim ali police report 260608 01 "If Justice Ian Chin's statements have no basis whatsoever, surely he has wronged himself as a judge," said Chang.

Accompanying Chang to the police station was Pasir Mas parliamentarian Ibrahim Ali who commented that it was unbecoming of a judge to make such statements in open court.

"The government has to bring both sides (Mahathir and Chin) to justice and let the court

decide who was in the wrong," said Ibrahim.

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