



Sorry Dr M, says 'slipper garland' MIC man
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The MIC delegate who courted controversy for saying that a 'slipper garland' should be put for former premier Dr Mahathir Mohamad has apologised for his harsh words.

"I hereby wish to submit my humble apology to Mahathir," he said in a statement.

M Sukumaran from Paya Besar, Pahang, said he would also seek an appointment with Mahathir to tender a personal apology.

"I regret having uttered those words (slipper garland). I regretted it very much. I sincerely hope Mahathir will accept my apology," he added.

Sukumaran, who made the remarks during the MIC general assembly over the weekend, also apologised to Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak.

"I was carried away emotionally when I made the remark which had seriously hurt the feelings of Mahathir.

"I take full responsibility for my actions and seek forgiveness from Mahathir," he added.

Accepts suspension with an 'open heart'



Sukumaran also said that he accepted MIC president S Samy Vellu's decision to suspend him from MIC "with an open heart."

"I will accept whatever decision taken by MIC," he added.

Mahathir came under fire from MIC delegates after the former premier was quoted in a Tamil daily as attacking Samy Vellu.

This led to the MIC president launching a scathing counter attack against Mahathir, calling him a master of destroying deputies.

During the AGM, Samy Vellu had cautioned delegates against picking on the former premier whom he described him as a great statesman.

The 'slipper garland' remark drew brickbats from various quarters, including Mahathir's son Mukhriz who is also international trade and industry deputy minister.