

**MCA wants racist principal to attend counselling**  
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PETALING JAYA - The MCA wants the school principal who allegedly described her students as penumpang (passengers) in the country to be given a desk job and receive counselling.

Party president Dr Chua Soi Lek (left) said the racist remark from the principal of a school in Kulaijaya, Johor, was a direct challenge to the basic right of multi-ethnic Malaysians.

"We (MCA) are sad and shocked by the remark and view it very seriously, more so when it happened in a school," said Chua, who is also Johor MCA chief., according to The Star,

He said transferring the principal was not a solution as it would only shift the problem to another school.

The principal was alleged to have described non-Malays as penumpang in the country during her speech at the start of the Merdeka celebration last Thursday.

A 17-year-old student, Brevia Pan, told a press conference that the principal had told non-Malay students to go study in a Chinese school or go back to China.

Kulaijaya Deputy OCPD Deputy Supt Mohd Kamil Sukarmi said the case was being investigated and that 17 reports had been lodged so far.

The secondary school principal, meanwhile, was jeered when she tried to apologise for her allegedly racist remark during an assembly.

The principal was forced to leave the assembly area at least twice in front of state education department officials, teachers, parents and students here yesterday.

Many parents want the woman to be removed from the school and face disciplinary action as she had caused tension among the students and teachers.

The school, which has about 2,200 students and 150 teachers, comprised about 40% non-Malays.

Deputy Education Minister Dr Puad Zarkashi said he had spoken to the state education director, who informed him that it was a misunderstanding and the issue had been resolved with the principal apologising and visiting all the classrooms to explain the situation. - The Star

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