

MCA Should Sever Ties With Perkasa
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DAP is shocked at MCA President Dr Chua Soi Lek's announcement that MCA will not ban its members and supporters from attending any of Perkasa's functions. DAP calls on Chua Soi Lek to reverse this irrational and irresponsible decision and instead ban MCA members and supporters from attending Perkasa's events.

Allowing MCA members and supporters to attend Perkasa's events not only proves MCA's links with Perkasa. By doing so, MCA acknowledges Perkasa has an important role to play in Malaysian political life despite Perkasa's racist and extremist struggle against non-Muslims and non-Malays. Is MCA and Chua so afraid of Perkasa that they dare not even prevent their members from attending Perkasa's functions?

How can Chua and MCA claim to defend the interests of Malaysian Chinese when their members and supporters can go to Perkasa functions that breeds hate against non-Malays in the country and want to reduce them to 2nd-class or 3rd-class citizens? If MCA and Chua have any dignity or honour, no MCA member should be allowed to attend Perkasa events and thereby give credibility to this racist and extremist organization. What is equally shocking is Chua's defence of Perkasa distributing "white ang pow packets" was not done on purpose. Chua's claim that Perkasa did not distribute white ang paws on purpose was disputed by former Sri Desa MCA branch chairperson Dr Collin Tiew, who has apologized to the Chinese community for speaking in defence of Perkasa and bringing elderly citizens to the Perkasa.

Dr Colin Tiew said Perkasa Chairman Ibrahim Ali was aware of Chinese customs and that the ang paws had to be red, not white as Ibrahim had distributed red ang paws in his parliamentary constituency in Kelantan. Dr Colin Tiew further said that he did tell Ibrahim that white ang pow is not suitable but Ibrahim did not bother. Clearly Perkasa and Chua's claim that they did not distribute the white ang paws on purpose, is not believable that serves to deceive not only oneself but others too.

Clearly Perkasa was deliberately trampling rudely over the sensitivities of the Chinese community by giving white ang paws. Perkasa know they can do so with unhindered impunity because they have the whole-hearted support of UMNO and Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak for their activities. Witness the failure of Najib to condemn Perkasa for their insult to the Chinese community, and even rubbed salt into this open wound by saying that this incident can be used as a "social experience". Is this gross insult that has angered the Chinese community merely reduced to the level of a "social experience"

Najib's reluctance to condemn Perkasa and MCA's refusal to ban its members and supporters from attending Perkasa functions may be caused by the fact that BN had also used white ang paws during the BN Chinese New Year event in Seri Setia, Selangor. MCA Kelana Jaya division chief Ong Chong Swen had not denied that white envelopes with BN logos were distributed during the Chinese New Year event.

It is not too late for Najib to salvage his 1Malaysia slogan which has been proven to be empty and meaningless when Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin pronounced that he is Malay first, and Malaysian second. Najib should take the bold step to condemn Perkasa for their insensitive act and cut all ties with this racist and extremist organization.

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