

MCA expects Johor rep to give his side of story

KOTA KINABALU: MCA will investigate the incident in which a Johor state assemblyman allegedly pulled a gun at a businessman who had entered his Tampoi condominium.

Party president Datuk Seri Ong Ka Ting said the elected representative would have to explain what actually transpired in the Thursday incident.

"Vice-president Datuk Dr Chua Soi Lek has been tasked to find out what happened and report to the presidential council," he said in a statement

released after opening the Sabah MCA convention here yesterday.

Ong said the assemblyman was obliged to give an answer to the party.

"Although the matter may be personal in nature, he was an MCA candidate and is now an elected leader," he said, adding that the incident could affect the party's image.

"The ordinary person has high expectations of politicians and elected representatives," he said.

Ong said once Dr Chua - who is also

Johor MCA chairman - had submitted his report, the party leadership would decide on the next course of action.

"If there is evidence showing that any of our members are involved in any wrongdoing, the party will not hesitate to take appropriate action."

It was reported that the 42-year-old businessman had found his wife and the politician at the politician's condominium unit. At the height of the argument that ensued, the politician allegedly took out a pistol to defend himself.

The businessman lodged a police report later. The politician, in his 50s, and the woman, in her 40s, had also lodged reports.

Meanwhile, MCA secretary-general Datuk Ong Ka Chuan has reminded senior party members to be disciplined.

"We are taking in a lot of members under the age of 35 and we hope senior members will be able to set good examples," he said after the Johor Tunku Abdul Rahman College graduation ceremony in Segamat yesterday.