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MCA criticises Dr M for branding party as racist

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BATU PAHAT: MCA has condemned Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad for his criticism of the party and for equating it as a racist organisation as compared with DAP.

MCA deputy president Datuk Seri Dr Wee Ka Siong said it was unbecoming of Dr Mahathir to work with his former nemesis, DAP adviser Lim Kit Siang, as the latter went against the principles that Dr Mahathir had championed.

“Dr Mahathir is practising double standards.

“He accuses MCA as being a racist party as compared with DAP, but as former prime minister, he is well aware of MCA’s role in nation-building and its contributions to the co-operative spirit (among all races) since the time of Perikatan (now Barisan Nasional).

“Before this, Dr Mahathir condemned Kit Siang and DAP, and described them as racists and chauvinists.

“But today, he has changed his tune,” he said, at a dialogue between Johor and Perak MCA liaison committees at Yong Peng district council here yesterday.

Wee, who is also minister in the Prime Minister’s Department, said DAP could never be trusted because it had once regarded Dr Mahathir as an enemy but was now working with the former Umno leader for political expediency.



Datuk Seri Wee Ka Siong

“During my days as a BN backbencher, the late (DAP chairman) Karpal Singh had described Dr Mahathir as a *hantu* (ghoul), who went against what DAP stood for.

“But now, Dr Mahathir has become an angel who can do no wrong.

“This is something MCA cannot accept.”

Dr Mahathir’s blog posting on Dec 7 had made remarks against MCA, in which he accused the Chinese-based party of lacking principles by working with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak despite the graft allegations hurled against him.

Since that blog posting, other MCA leaders had accused the former prime minister of projecting MCA as a racist party, while glorifying DAP as respectful towards the Federal Constitution.