

Opposition keeps mum on 'Bukit Kepong' debate
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THE "Bukit Kepong issue" was brought up by two Barisan Nasional assemblymen during the adjournment debate yesterday. However, their condemnation of Pas deputy president Mohamad Sabu or Mat Sabu, failed to elicit any reactions from the Pas and DAP assemblymen.

Datuk Osman Sapian (BN-Kempas) said Mat Sabu had insulted the 26 policemen who were killed in the communist attack in 1950 when he branded them as British collaborators.

"He should not have belittled the sacrifices of the deceased just to get some political mileage," he said, adding that it was unethical for politicians to hurt the feelings of family members of those who were killed in the incident.

Hasni Mohamad (BN-Benut) said Mat Sabu's claims that members of the Malayan Communist Party (MCP) involved in the incident had contributed to the country was irrational.

"We should not give these politicians any space in Johor to gain cheap publicity."

Pas assemblymen Dr Mohammad Taslim of Maharani and Dr Sheikh Ibrahim Salleh of Sungai Abong, along with their four DAP counterparts in the assembly yesterday were quiet when Mat Sabu was lambasted.

Mat Sabu, had on Aug 21, delivered a speech in Gelugor, Penang, where he said Muhammad Indera, who led the 200 MCP terrorists who attacked the Bukit Kepong police station in Muar a "national hero".

He described the police officers killed in the incident as "British officers" and, therefore, should not be considered as heroes.

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