

**Wanita MCA leader called 'old hen' by Pakatan supporters**  
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GEORGE TOWN: A Wanita MCA leader expressed sadness at being labelled *lao geh boh*, or old hen by several Pakatan Rakyat supporters during an All-Women Forum held at the Penang Chinese Town Hall (PCTH).

Penang Wanita MCA chief Tan Cheng Liang said she was one of the invited speakers at the event organised by Kwong Wah Yit Poh and the PCTH to discuss gender equality, but she was occasionally interrupted by audience members, some of whom she claimed were Pakatan members.

"They were rude and called me old hen'. It is uncalled for."

"When speakers from Barisan Nasional including Wanita Gerakan chief Ng Siew Lai spoke, they would boo us.

"Their supporters also brought whistles and disrupted the forum. But when Pakatan women spoke, they kept quiet," she said yesterday.

Tan said some Pakatan supporters also threatened to hit her and members of the audience who had posed questions to Pakatan leaders during the forum.

"Women's issues are above politics. I regret the forum turned rowdy because certain people couldn't accept criticism," she said.

"In my speech, I said PAS spiritual adviser [Datuk Nik Aziz Nik Mat](#) and DAP national election publicity bureau head Hew Kuan Yau had made sexist remarks."

Tan added that Barisan members and supporters who attended the event behaved like gentlemen and were disciplined.

The forum on Thursday night was also attended by Bukit Mertajam MP Chong Eng and PKR central committee member [Datin Paduka Dr Tan Yee Kew](#).

Chong said there were members of the public as well as supporters from several political parties at the event.

"It is difficult to say if the culprits were Pakatan supporters," she said.

Chong, who is also DAP deputy secretary-general, said she accompanied Tan out of the hall as the Wanita MCA leader was worried about her safety.

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