

MCA's Chew tells DAP to refrain from suppressing Tunku Aziz's views
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KUALA LUMPUR: MCA Wanita Secretary-General Chew Lee Giok urged DAP not to take action against DAP Vice Chairman Tunku Abdul Aziz Ibrahim for speaking out against the Bersih 3.0 rally.

"It is a basic right for one to express his or her views and positions, and DAP should refrain from reverting back to their normal methods of suppressing dissidence," the Senator said in press statement on Monday.

According to media reports, the DAP disciplinary committee wants Tunku Aziz, also a Senator, to confirm if he had criticised the Bersih 3.0 rally in Dataran Merdeka, against his party's stand.

"DAP Secretary-General Lim Guan Eng must admit that Tunku Aziz's statement has put the party in an embarrassing situation and, thus, he has decided to reprimand Tunku Aziz.

"Thus, I call on Guan Eng to not be hypocritical by saying one thing but doing another.

"He should respect the remarks of his party members, and should also accept that Tunku Aziz is free to air his views.

"The events at the Bersih 3.0 rally did prove that his fears and analysis were indeed correct.

"When faced with any issue, DAP takes the opportunity to gain support by talking about fairness and freedom of speech. However, DAP is actually preventing free speech.

"The disciplinary action which will be taken against Tunku Aziz is similar to what other leaders did by throwing an invisible line around them to suppress opposing views.

"If DAP is indeed sincere in promoting the freedom of speech and the freedom of the press, then they will refrain from suppressing the remarks and any other unpleasant truth' which comes from the lips of their party leaders, as doing so will only make it difficult for the people to trust them," said Chew.

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