

## **MIC wants action taken against Ridhuan Tee for racist remarks**

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PETALING JAYA: MIC president Datuk Seri G Palanivel has taken up the issue of "vicious racial remarks" by Universiti Pertahanan Nasional senior lecturer Ridhuan Tee Abdullah with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

Palanivel who raised the issue on Wednesday, is expected to brief the party's central working committee soon, said MIC strategic director S Vell Paari.

"The MIC will announce their stand after the deliberations in the CWC," he said in a statement.

Vell Paari had pushed Palanivel to call for stern action against Ridhuan for penning an article last week that was considered disparaging of those who professed the Hindu faith.

He said MIC which represents Indians of all faiths cannot remain quiet on racial issues any longer, which tend to crop up with increasing frequency.

Vell Paari said the MIC Youth would be submitting a memorandum urging the Higher Education Ministry to investigate allegations of plagiarism against Ridhuan.

Meanwhile, MIC Youth information chief S Subramaniam handed over a memorandum to the Home Ministry in Putrajaya, calling for stern action against Ridhuan.

"We hope the ministry would take immediate action against him" he told reporters after submitting the memorandum to Deputy Principal Secretary of the Security and Public Order Division Shamril Faizalis Shamsul.

Several police reports have been lodged against Ridhuan following the publication of his article.

Sinar Harian has since apologised for its role in the controversy, but Ridhuan has remained mum.

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