

**Triad leader no longer MCA member, say police**  
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A former underworld kingpin who turned over a new leaf and joined the Malaysian Chinese Association (MCA) has left the party, said police.

Bukit Aman's secret societies, gaming and anti-vice principal assistant director Datuk Abdul Jalil Hassan said the former party branch chief was also the leader of the Sio Sam Ong triad.

He named Ong King Ee @ Jackie Chan as the former Gurney Drive branch chairman and triad boss.

"Ong was detained under the Emergency Ordinance in the 1990s for two years before being released.

"He turned over a new leaf and entered the world of politics," Abdul Jalil said today, commenting on a claim by former Criminal Investigation Department director Tan Sri Zaman Khan Rahim Khan that a former triad chief was a low-ranking party division chief in Penang.

Zaman Khan told Bernama yesterday that he arrested the triad boss-turned-politician in Thailand before he was brought back to Malaysia.

Chan's party membership had put former MCA president Tan Sri Ong Ka Ting in a spot when a picture emerged on the Internet at the height of the party crisis in 2001. It showed them shaking hands after the then Youth chief Datuk Seri Ong Tee Keat claimed triads had infiltrated the MCA.

Ka Ting then admitted knowing Chan and that he was also aware the man had a record of having been held in detention under the Emergency Ordinance when he joined MCA in 2000.

Chan was formerly the dragon head of Sio Sam Ong (Three Emperors), which was active in the northern states. Their members were mainly Hokkien-speaking folk.

The group came to prominence in 1992 when hired killers stormed a pre-wedding celebration in Sungai Petani, Kedah and shot dead six people.

Chan was later detained in connection with that case and was held under the Emergency Ordinance for two years.

In July 2003, Chan tendered his resignation via a fax sent to the Penang MCA headquarters.

Checks at the MCA headquarters confirmed that Chan quit the party in 2003.

Party sources in Penang said following the huge publicity, he left the country. Chan is now understood to be based in a neighbouring country.

His supporters, who joined MCA with him back then, have either left the party or are inactive.

Abdul Jalil said today the ongoing Ops Cantas hadn't revealed the involvement of any politician in secret societies or triads.

He, however, said there are former secret society members who have entered the politic scene, but that they are now "clean".

Home Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi today said they had identified members of political parties who were former triad members.

He declined to name any of them, saying if these politicians were former members, they might have repented, adding it would be unfair to associate them with these societies now.

Abdul Jalil said police were still continuing their investigations into the 49 secret societies, which had been revealed by the Home Ministry last week.

Checks revealed that politicians and triads working hand-in-hand is not something new as in 2004, a top MCA leader in Labuan was arrested for suspected involvement in vice activities.

The suspected vice king, then in his 40s, was said to be a top crime boss in Labuan and had been monitored for several months before he was nabbed.

Another MCA branch vice-chairman was shot dead in Kota Kechil, Johor in 2004. He was alleged to have been involved in illegal gaming and had been sought by police.

The MCA branch vice-chairman was also the Kota Tinggi Chinese Chamber of Commerce head and was believed to have been the mastermind of an extensive numbers forecast syndicate in Johor. – September 5, 2013.

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