

DAP to Hisham: Where is the Genting Crash Report?
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PETALING JAYA: A DAP leader today urged Acting Transport Minister Hishammuddin Hussein to provide a full report on the Genting Highlands bus crash by the end of this parliamentary session.

In a press statement today, Kluang MP Liew Chin Tong said that the report was important as it would help the government to prevent such a tragedy from recurring.

“Hishammuddin must present the report before this session of parliament ends on April 10. It will help us to debate and implement ideas to prevent such an incident from happening again,” he said.

On Aug 21 last year, a bus carrying 53 passengers lost control near the Chin Swee Temple at Genting Highlands, Pahang and plunged into a deep ravine near KM3.6.

The accident killed 37 people, including the bus driver, and seriously injuring the remaining 16.

It was said to be the deadliest bus crash to have happened in Malaysian history.

Liew said that Malaysians should not simply accept substandard public transportation system, adding that most people use the bus services to get around places.

“It is completely unacceptable that our bus safety levels are unsatisfactory because a lot of us use buses as our main mode of transport.

“So without Hishammuddin’s report, his ministry and the cabinet cannot implement the proposals from the independent panel to prevent crashes from happening in the future,” said Liew.

Citing an example, Liew said that activist Lee Lam Thye wrote an independent report on the conditions of Malaysian roads, after the Genting bus crash. He reckons that Hishammuddin should emulate Lee.

“So, we want Hishammuddin to do the same,” he said.

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