

**'Musa loves being praised at forums'**  
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PETALING JAYA: Former deputy prime minister Musa Hitam loves to be praised at anti-Umno forums in the hope of attending more such functions, said Kelab Che Det (KCD) deputy president Syed Hassan Syed Ali.

Syed Hassan was commenting on Musa's recent statement on the Memali incident in which he accused former Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad for not cancelling his trip to China to solve the issue.

"KCD is not surprised by the revelations because Musa loves being praised by the forum organisers and hopes to be called again for such functions," he said in a press statement in Mahathir's website Che Det.

Syed Hassan said Musa was a person who would launch an attack first because he feared being questioned in any forum.

"Why expose an old story only now and is there any truth to this?"

"If indeed Musa was a good leader why was he not recalled to helm Umno?" asked Syed Hassan.

Syed Hassan believed that Mahathir had already left for China before the police exchanged fire with Ibrahim Libya followers.

He said Malaysia was still backwards then and it would not have been favourable to cancel a trip to China which had already made arrangements to have discussions with Mahathir.

He added that under the current situation the trip could be called-off but at that time the country wanted to have good relationship with the emerging economy for the benefit of the nation.

"Musa need not feel guilty as he had left it to the judgment of the police to deal with Ibrahim Libya's followers.

"What would have Musa done if he was the prime minister then. If he thinks he is a great leader, then why fear if the PM still wants to go to China?"

"As the home minister if he had a better option why did he push the responsibility to the police then?" asked Syed Hassan.

He said Musa was once appointed Sime Darby chairman to solve the company's problems but nothing much was achieved under his leadership.

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