

**MCA has turned its back on the Chinese by asking Teresa Kok to apologise, says DAP
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MCA has turned its back on the Chinese community and on the principles of reason and fair play by asking DAP Seputeh MP Teresa Kok to apologise over her controversial Chinese New Year video, an opposition politician said today.

DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng (pic) said instead of asking Kok to apologise, MCA should have demanded that action be taken against those who offered a cash reward to anyone who slapped her.

"This only proved that there was no change in MCA's submissiveness to Umno, even under its new leadership.

"DAP does not need MCA to give such advice but will ask Teresa Kok to apologise if she indeed had poked fun at the Sulu terrorist intrusion in Lahad Datu last year.

"If the Umno racists and their MCA apologists had seen the video clip, they would know that it was clearly directed at the kidnap-murder of Taiwanese tourists in Sabah," Lim said in a statement today.

As such, Lim called on newly-minted MCA president Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai to stop bowing down to Umno.

He pointed out that Liow should heed the advice of outgoing Sarawak chief minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud, who advised his would-be successor to keep Umno's brand of racially divisive politics out of the state.

Lim also said that instead of watching the video to seek the truth, both Umno and MCA had distorted the issue to divide Malaysians so that they can divert attention from the price hikes which are burdening Malaysians.

"It is MCA and BN that should apologise to all Malaysians for the price hikes and also the drop in the value of Malaysian ringgit, seen in the record low of RM 2.62 to one Singapore dollar," he said.

Last Thursday, a group of Islamic NGOs slaughtered two chickens and offered a RM1,200 reward to anyone who dared to slap Kok as a sign of anger towards opposition leaders for allegedly insulting the Malay leadership and Islam.

The group then smeared the blood of the slaughtered chickens on a banner featuring photographs of Kok and Guan Eng, DAP adviser Lim Kit Siang and Machang Bubuk PKR assemblyman Lee Khai Loon.

The act was carried out in Kuala Lumpur as a sign of protest against the opposition leaders who were alleged to have insulted the "Malay leadership, the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Islam and Malay dignity".

The focus of the group, which called itself the Council of Islamic NGOs, was Kok and her Chinese New Year greeting video, "Onederful Malaysia CNY 2014".

Yesterday, MCA deputy president Datuk Wee Ka Siong has advised Kok to apologise over her video clip for the good of Malaysians.

He said Kok should be more sensitive and mature in airing messages to the public as espoused in Chinese culture.

Lim, however, said that MCA had shown complete disconnect from the aspirations of the Chinese community who wanted justice and freedom and who were firmly opposed to discrimination, violence and oppression of human rights. – February 11, 2014.

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