

**MCA describes attack on nuns as 'totally vile'**  
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MCA today urged police to pull out all the stops to nab the culprits who attacked two nuns on the grounds of a Catholic church in Seremban early yesterday morning.

Wanita MCA vice-chairman Ong Chong Swen expressed concern over the "vicious attack" which has left one of the two nuns fighting for her life at the Seremban Hospital, saying that investigations into the incident should be thorough.

"The police must leave no stone unturned in their investigations to nab these simply vicious culprits," she said in a press statement today.

"There should also be more police patrols in that vicinity."

The two nuns – Sisters Juliana Lim and Mary-Rose were attacked with helmets by at least two men in what is believed to be an attempted robbery at the Church of the Visitation in Seremban shortly after they had arrived for the 6.30am mass with two other nuns.

The nuns are from the Infant Jesus (IJ) Convent, which is located about 10 minutes from the church.

Lim, 68, is in a coma and on a respirator while 80-year-old Sister Mary-Rose is recovering from injuries.

It is learnt that the victims were each holding a small bag containing a Bible, prayer book, Rosary and a small amount of cash.

Ong, a former Convent school student, said she was horrified when she heard of the incident yesterday.

"Such an attack against women, innocent nuns who only serve the community for the greater good, is totally vile and dastardly and had resulted with both of them bleeding, in serious condition, injured, severely traumatised, of whom one required an emergency operation for head injuries," she said.

"The tireless contributions of the IJ nuns must be accorded recognition. It is safe to say than more than a hundred thousand Malaysian girls were educated in the hallowed halls and classrooms of IJ Convents throughout East and West Malaysia since the beginning of the 20th century."

She also lauded the nuns for their contribution towards the poor and the disadvantaged as well as being the hallmark for the spirit of unity.

"The IJ nuns educated anyone regardless of race and religion, and imbued in all their students the spirit of 1Malaysia or 1Malaya back then even before 1Malaysia became a catchy slogan."

"Lesser known is that up to the 1950s, the IJ nuns clothed, fed, raised and educated many newborns and babies who were abandoned at their doorstep," she added.

It was, however, comforting to see Malaysians of different races and religions come together to condemn and express outrage over the attack on the nuns, Ong said.

"I take comfort in reading social media comments that multiracial Malaysians, including Muslims, have expressed outrage against the attackers.

"Let us all be united in prayer that the villains will be apprehended but more importantly, Sister Mary-Rose and Sister Juliana Lim may recover from their injuries and shock," she added. – May 15, 2014.

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