

Najib confirms sending legal notice to former MCA president over defamatory statement

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Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak says action will be taken against former MCA president Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik if he fails to apologise. — TRP file pic

KUALA LUMPUR, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak has confirmed that his legal team has sent a Letter of Demand (LoD) to former MCA president Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik seeking an apology from the latter over a defamatory statement alleging the Prime Minister of corruption.

In a Facebook posting on the Prime Minister's official account, he confirmed the matter and said action would be taken against Dr Ling if he failed to apologise.

At press time, more than 7,600 people liked the post and shared 390 times.

In the four-page LoD dated Oct 5 issued by the Messrs Hafarizam Wan & Aisha Mubarak on behalf of the Prime Minister, he sought among others, for Dr Ling to retract the statement, apologise within seven days and compensate accordingly.

The matter ensued after the former MCA president made a defamatory statement on Oct 3 that was published in an English portal titled "MCA's Liong Sik joins call for Najib's ouster for allegedly putting people's money in his own pocket".

Meanwhile, Najib's counsel Nor Emelia Mohd Iszeham confirmed that the LoD had been sent out at 4.47pm yesterday.

"The letter expires on coming Monday," she told The Rakyat Post via WhatsApp message today.

Nor Emelia also confirmed that they had yet to receive any reply from Dr Ling.

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