

**Ling Stands By What He Says**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 7 (Bernama) -- Former MCA President Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik said he was "extremely surprised" at receiving a letter accusing him of defaming Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and demanding that he apologise for it.

But he added that he stands by what he said, and if sued, will defend himself.

The letter from the law firm of Hafarizam Wan & Aisha Mubarak, representing the Prime Minister, referred to his remarks published in the article titled "MCA's Liong Sik joins call for Najib's ouster for allegedly putting people's money in his own pocket" published by Malay Mail Online on Saturday.

It gave Dr Ling seven days to apologise and retract his statement or face legal action.

In his statement responding to the Prime Minister today, Dr Ling said: "If you choose to sue me, I will defend myself ...

"I want to reiterate that I stand by what I said. I will not apologise."

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