

MCA demands apology, RM100 million over DAP MP's allegation

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Segambut MP Lim Lip Eng to let courts deal with matter, after responding to letter asking for retraction of remarks claiming MCA took funds meant for Chinese schools.

KUALA LUMPUR: MCA has handed a letter of demand to Segambut MP Lim Lip Eng, requesting an public apology, retraction, and RM100 million in damages.

This is over Lim's assertion that MCA had pocketed funds intended for Chinese vernacular schools that were derived from public donations and the government.

"I received the letter a few days ago," Lim told a press conference at his service centre here, today.

"Maybe MCA thinks I'm a billionaire, or that I have personal donations in my account. But no, I don't have RM100 million."

In the letter dated March 29, MCA represented by the legal firm Ng & Farah, said Lim's statement had caused "severe injuries" to the party's reputation.

"And would likely cause them (MCA) to be shunned by their members, supporters, colleagues in the government, and members of the public," the letter, which was sighted by FMT, had stated.

The letter also said Lim had told the media in the Parliament building on March 15, that according to his sources, MCA used its own funds to give allocations to Chinese schools, and that the party put into its own "pocket" money derived from public donations and the government.

MCA deputy president and Ayer Hitam MP Wee Ka Siong had on the same day, dismissed Lim's allegation by saying MCA used its own funds to assist Chinese schools and had also built Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman.

Wee said, on the other hand, DAP had not even built so much as a kindergarten.

Asked if he planned to take the matter to court, Lim said he had already replied to the letter of demand.

"I'll just leave it at that. Let the law take its course."

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