

'Chang should apologise to Muslims'

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PETALING JAYA: Matthias Chang, the former political secretary of Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, should apologise to all Muslims for swearing on the Quran, said Malaysian Syariah Lawyers Association president Zainul Rijal Abu Bakar.

He said it was laid down in the Syariah that non-Muslims should not be touching the Quran much less swearing upon it.

"Furthermore, even for Muslims, swearing upon the Quran bears no real significance. It adds no extra value to whatever oath a person wants to take," he added.

Zainul said it was more significant when taking an oath to swear in the name of God.

"There is more value in doing that. Chang is not one who professes Islam and even if he lacks knowledge of Islam, he should have at least asked around for the do's and don'ts when it comes to the Quran."

"He should have sworn over the holy book of his own belief."