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INTRODUCTION

Parliament has become a travesty of democracy in Malaysia

This selection of my speeches and press statements is entitled "Battle for Democracy in Malaysia" because this was the single most important issue in the period covered - from 19th May to June 30, 1992.

The suspension of the Parliamentary Opposition Leader from attending Parliament until the end of the year is the culmination of a long trend of undemocratic developments in the country under the Mahathir administration.

This had been preceded by the mass detentions under the Internal Security Act under Operation Lalang in October 1987; the 1988 attack on judicial independence and the rule of law with the sacking of Tun Salleh Abas as Lord President and Tan Sri Wan Sulaiman and Datuk George Seah as Supreme Court judges; the denial of press freedom and manipulation of the mass media, resulting in the withdrawal of the 25-year printing permit of the DAP organ, the Rocket, for public sale and circulation; the undemocratic victimisation of the people of Sabah and Kelantan for exercising their democratic right to choose the state government they want; and the unilateral Johore Bahru policy announcement by the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, on April 16, 1992 proclaiming the abandonment of the 35-year Federal Government policy to uphold the secular Federal Constitution.

The Parliamentary Opposition Leader was suspended not because he had breached any Standing Orders (unlike the MP for Pasir Mas, Ibrahim Ali, and previously the MCA Deputy Education Minister, Dr. Fong Chan Onn, who had made obscene gestures and indecent signs in front of women MPs, women civil servants, women reporters and large groups of girl students), but because of his insistence to make further disclosures in Parliament on the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

Democracy in Malaysia has reached a very sorry state when Parliament could be used to suppress political and financial scandals in the country.

What is sorrier still is that the majority of Malaysians are not aware that the Malaysian Parliament has become a travesty of democracy because of the tight control, censorship and manipulation of the mass media and the people's minds.

This is why this book has been published - to break the tyranny over the minds of Malaysians exercised by the Barisan Nasional government.

The Barisan Nasional Government has been very successful in manipulating the minds and opinions of Malaysians, as it had achieved this tyranny without many people realising that they have fallen victims to its mental manipulation and control.

As I said in the Introduction to Volume One of 'Selected Speeches and Press Statements', the Malaysian Press has reached a stage where it is free to print lies but not free to publish the truth.

This was why two questions frequently asked by the English-educated Malaysians since the October 1990 general elections are:

1. Has the DAP closed shop?
2. Are DAP leaders now 'frightened' to speak up for the rights of the people and to fight for democracy, human rights, justice, a clean and honest government and national unity as in the past?

Those who have read the first two Volumes of 'Selected Speeches and Press Statements' and the present Volume Three, 'Battle for Democracy in Malaysia', will realise the seriousness of such tyranny over the minds of the people in Malaysia as a result of such a press black-out of all DAP and opposition news and other forms of dissent.

It is precisely to breach such press blackout and tyranny over the minds of the people that we are publishing in this volume, four extracts from the Hansards of Dewan Rakyat during the May Parliament which shows how the DAP's expose of the \$120 MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal led to the unholy conspiracy by Barisan Nasional Ministers and MPs with Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu to suspend the Parliamentary Opposition Leader from attending Parliament until the end of the year. (see Appendix).

This was a clear message by the Barisan Nasional Ministers and MPs that when it came to a choice between upholding democracy or suppressing corruption, abuses of power, criminal breach of trust and financial scandals in the country, they will opt for the latter.

Lim Kit Siang
Parliamentary Opposition Leader
DAP Secretary-General
1st July 1992

An Open Letter To All Concerned Malaysians

Dear Malaysian,

An Act of Desperation to Break the Mass Media Black-out of the DAP by the Barisan Nasional

The publication of 'Selected Speeches and Press Statements, March - April 1992' is an act of desperation to break the mass media black-out of the DAP by the Barisan Nasional.

Since the October 1990 general elections, you must have wondered what has happened to the DAP, whether the DAP has closed shop or whether the DAP leaders have now chickened out and dare not speak up for the rights of the people and the injustices in the country.

In actual fact, the DAP and its leaders have been no less active or outspoken as in the past. However, we faced the most serious problem of a mass media black-out of the DAP news and views in the English-language media. Whatever is published about the DAP are lies and falsehoods calculated to destroy the image, credibility and integrity of the DAP and its leaders without giving the DAP even the chance of self-defence.

This is why I said in Parliament last month that the Malaysian mass media has reached a stage where the press are free to print lies but not free to publish the truth.

However, this mass media black-out has been quite successful in influencing public perceptions that either the DAP has closed shop, the DAP leaders are frightened to speak up or that the DAP has no answer to the campaign of lies and falsehoods which appear in the press.

We have therefore decided to publish a selection of my press statements and speeches in March and the first half of April 1992 to show the magnitude and gravity of the mass media black-out against the DAP.

This is a very costly project for a poor party like the DAP, and this is why I say that this is an act of desperation. This selection is priced at \$10.00, which will be used as a revolving fund for future English-language publications to break the press black-out against the DAP.

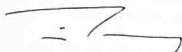
I am sure that the majority of the English-educated will be shocked that they knew nothing about the many things and developments touched on by the selection of press statements and speeches. It would appear that they are living in a completely different country altogether.

Denial of information is one of the most fundamental deprivation of human rights because it enables the powers-that-be to impose a tyranny over the mind of the populace.

If you support such DAP efforts to break the news black-out and would like to be kept informed of what is happening in our country and the DAP's stand, you could fill in the form at the bottom of this letter and send it to me.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



*(Lim Kit Siang)
Parliamentary Opposition Leader
DAP Secretary-General*

This is DAP's latest publication in an effort to keep the public informed of what exactly is happening in our country. Every concerned citizen has the right to know, and it is the DAP's responsibility to dispense the truth for the sake of justice, honour and integrity.

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SELECTED SPEECHES & PRESS STATEMENTS

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March - April 1992

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I support the project to keep the English-educated informed of developments in the country and the DAP's stand on them, and I am willing to purchase future publications of 'Selected Press Statements and Speeches by Lim Kit Siang'.

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DEMOCRACY

Press Conference Statement by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, at Penang DAP Hqrs on Wednesday, May 27, 1992 at 12 noon

While the Thai Parliament is making history for democracy in Thailand, Malaysian Parliament has brought shame and dishonour to democracy in suppressing the democratic rights of the Opposition and people

There is a great contrast between what is happening in the Malaysian Parliament and the Thai Parliament.

While the Thai Parliament is making history for democracy in Thailand, amending the Thai Constitution in three readings to provide for an elected Prime Minister, redeeming the international name and democratic credentials of Thailand, the Malaysian Parliament is doing the opposite.

What happened in the Malaysian Parliament yesterday is a clear case of the abuse and tyranny of the two-thirds majority of the Barisan Nasional to suppress the democratic rights of the Opposition and people, and to prevent the expose and further disclosures of Barisan Nasional scandals like the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

What happened in the Malaysian Parliament is even more disgraceful, dishonourable and shameful for democracy than what happened on May 14, when I was suspended from attending the rest of the Parliamentary meeting.

Using its two-thirds parliamentary majority, the Barisan Nasional yesterday suspended me from attending Parliament till 31st December 1992, unless I submit a written apology.

I have nothing to apologise as the person who should apologise for causing the pandemonium in Parliament is Ong Tee Kiat

There is nothing for me to apologise. The person who should apologise is the Deputy Speaker, Ong Tee Kiat, who caused the pandemonium in Parliament by his blatant bias, prejudice and immaturity, losing control of Parliamentary proceedings.

I went to Parliament yesterday to seek clarification on the status of my suspension, as when I was suspended on May 14, 1992 for the rest of the meeting, it was clear that I was to be suspended until May 21, the last day of the meeting.

When the parliamentary meeting was extended for two days on May 25 and 26, the motion to suspend me was never amended to cover the extended period.

I had therefore very valid reason to go to Dewan Rakyat to seek for a ruling on the status of my suspension.

What Ong Tee Kiat should have done is to allow me to seek a ruling on the status of my suspension, make his own interpretation, and I would have accepted his ruling even though I might not have agreed with him. If he had heard me out, and then ruled that my suspension also covered May 25 and 26, I would have left the Chamber and there would have been no pandemonium. The whole matter would not have lasted more than two or three minutes.

Instead, Ong Tee Kiat showed his open and blatant bias and prejudice and even denied me the right to be heard, switching off my microphone, and for the first time in Malaysian parliamentary history, repeatedly invoked Standing Order 44(6) to use force to remove me from the Chamber.

Ong Tee Kiat must singly and solely be held responsible

for the parliamentary pandemonium yesterday, because he had lost all control of the Parliamentary meeting because of his blatant bias, prejudice and immaturity.

Ong Tee Kiat's blatant bias and prejudice were again demonstrated when he conspired with MCA and UMNO Ministers to move a motion to extend my suspension from Parliament till the end of the year.

Ong Tee Kiat had announced an adjournment of the House for 15 minutes, but he needed one hour in order to get 'SOS' from MCA and UMNO Ministers, who were contacted in their Ministries to rush over to Parliament to move the motion.

When the Deputy Speaker conspired with Ministers against the Opposition, he has lost all independence and impartiality of the Chair and has forfeited all respect from all right-thinking MPs.

When the House resumed at about 4.20 pm, the House should have continued with its debate on Weights and Measures Amendment Bill as I have not returned to the Chamber.

Instead, Ong Tee Kiat insisted that the motion to extend my suspension from Parliament till the end of the year be moved and passed.

Members of the public and students who were in the public gallery yesterday saw how biased the Chair was, when Barisan Nasional MPs were allowed to shout abuses and the MP for Pasir Mas, Ibrahim Ali, made indecent gestures at least four times which were seen by all MPs (including women MPs), the public and students (with large groups of Muslim girl students).

With such blatant bias and prejudice, Ong Tee Kiat should not expect any co-operation from the DAP MPs in all future parliamentary meetings.

Further disclosures of \$120 million MAIKA Holdings Telekom shares hijacking scandal a major reason for my suspension till end of the year

Another major reason for the parliamentary pandemonium yesterday is the fear of Ong Tee Kiat and Barisan Nasional MPs that I would be making further disclosures of the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

The MAIKA-phobia of Ong Tee Kiat and the Barisan Nasional Ministers and MPs is the cause for the extension of my suspension from Parliament till the end of the year, although I was no more in the House.

This is another instance where Parliament is now being used to prevent the expose of financial scandals of political leaders like the \$120 million MAIKA Holdings Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

The extension of my suspension from Parliament till the end of the year is a victory for MIC President, Datuk Samy Vellu, but he should not gloat too soon.

Deputy Prime Minister, Ghafar Baba, said that the public seemed to have judged and sentenced the MIC and MAIKA Holdings Sdn. Bhd. over the shares hijacking scandal even before investigations were completed by the Anti-Corruption Agency.

Ghafar is very right, for the case of the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal is now very clear, even though Parliament had been used to suppress further disclosures about the scandal.

The question now is whether the Anti-Corruption Agency is a sword to fight corruption or a shield to protection corruption of political leaders in Government.

The honour and dignity of Parliament has been sullied when it had been used to suppress further disclosures of the \$120 million MAIKA shares hijacking scandal, to the extent of denying the democratic rights of the Parliamentary Opposition Leader.

Malaysians are ashamed that while our ASEAN neighbour, the Thai Parliament is upholding democracy, in Malaysia our Parliament is trampling on democratic rights of the Opposition and the people.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Petaling Jaya on Thursday, May 28, 1992:

Government withdrew the Companies Amendment Bill on Tuesday for fear that the DAP will raise the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal

It is most dishonourable that the Barisan Nasional government had to withdraw the Companies Amendment Bill on Tuesday for fear that the DAP will raise the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal during the debate.

The reason why I went to Parliament on Tuesday to seek clarification of the status of my suspension from attending Parliament - as to whether my suspension ended on May 21 as was the intention when the motion was passed on May 14 - or whether it also covered the two extended sittings of May 25 and 26 was because I wanted to be able to participate in the Companies Amendment Bill to make further disclosures on the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

Deputy Speaker, Ong Tee Kiat, conspired with the MIC President, Datuk Samy Vellu on May 14 to stop me from speaking on the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal creating a parliamentary pandemonium when he wanted to suspend me till the rest of the Parliamentary meeting during the debate on the Bankruptcy Amendment Bill.

If the Companies Amendment Bill comes up for debate, Ong Tee Kiat will find it impossible to suppress the discussion

of the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal as he did during the debate on the Bankruptcy Amendment Bill.

This is why the Companies Amendment Bill was withdrawn from the Dewan Rakyat on Tuesday - the first time in Malaysian parliamentary history that the government had to withdraw a bill for fear that the Opposition will be making further disclosures about a financial scandal involving top political leaders in government and Cabinet.

Tafe College operated without permit and in violation of Education Act 1961

If I had spoken in Parliament last Tuesday, I would have demanded to know why Kolej Tafe Sdn. Bhd. is only a \$2 company with Datuk Samy Vellu and Datuk M. Mahalingam as the two director/shareholders owning \$1 share each. Samy Vellu had said that the sale of the 8.5 million Telekom shares hijacked from MAIKA Holdings had been channelled to Tafe College.

A report appeared in the Utusan Malaysia today that the Tafe College in Jalan Sikamat, Seremban had operated without permit in violation of the 1961 Education Act. This means that all the top MIC leaders could be charged in court as the Maju Institute of Educational Development (MIED) was run by Samy Vellu, Mahalingam, Dato S. Subramaniam, Dato K.S. Nijhar, D.P. Vijendran and R. Selvendra as trustees and Dr. T. Marimuthu as Chief Executive.

Ong Tee Kiat fully knew that the \$120 million MAIKA Holdings Telekom shares hijacking scandal was opening up more and more scandals, and this was why he was so desperate in wanting to stop me from speaking in Parliament.

During the debate on the Companies Amendment Bill, the DAP MPs will be able to refer to other financial scandals,

like the MIDFCCS cheques refund scandal and the criminal involvement of Pos Malaysia staff - which will raise the question as to whether it is in the public interest to privatise Pos Malaysia, in the same way that Telekom and TEN had been privatised.

Why didn't MCA get Telekom, EON, MAS, MISC, Guthrie shares for the Chinese community

In fact, the debate on the Companies Amendment Bill in Parliament originally scheduled for last Tuesday would have been the right time to question the MCA Ministers why they had failed to secure for the Chinese community a fair share of the economic cake in the country, as evidenced by the failure of the MCA Ministers to get special allocation of Telekom, EON, MAS, MISC and Guthrie shares for their educational, social, cultural and religious betterment.

MIC not only got ten million Telekom shares for MAIKA (although nine million Telekom shares were subsequently hijacked), it also got special allocation for EON, MAS, MISC and Guthrie shares for the Indian community.

It is clear that if MCA Ministers had played their role in government to ensure that the Chinese community get a fair share of the economic cake, getting proportionate allocations for TEN, Telekom, EON, MAS, MISC, Guthrie and other public issues, the Chinese community would have about \$1 billion worth of shares. An allocation of 30 million Telekom shares for instance would be worth \$390 million now.

The \$20 million the MCA are raising for TAR would have been easily met from this source, as well as tens and hundreds of millions of ringgit for educational, social, cultural and religious betterment of the Chinese community.

In fact, during the debate on the Companies Amendment Bill, DAP will be able to raise directly the issue of TAR as it

was registered as a company.

DAPs would have demanded to know from the MCA President, Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik, why he had to go round the country frying kway teow when MIC President, Datuk Samy Vellu, does not have to go round the country to fry kway teow or make roti canai or the UMNO President, Datuk Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, to go down to the kampongs to fry kway teow or make mee goreng?

Liong Sik and MCA Ministers should concentrate all their energies in Cabinet and government to ensure that the Chinese community get a fair share of the economic cake - as the allocation of Telekom, TEN, EON, MAS, MISC and Guthrie shares, and not go all over the country to 'fry away' the fundamental rights of the Chinese community.

DAP to announce what action it would take on the unfair and undemocratic extension of my suspension from Parliament till end of the year

I will announce at a press conference at DAP PJ Hqrs tomorrow at 11.30 a.m. on the actions the DAP will take on the unfair and undemocratic extension of my suspension from Parliament till the end of the year.

Ong Tee Kiat had completely misused his position as Deputy Speaker to be the 'hatchet man' of certain MIC and MCA Ministers to prevent me from further exposing the Maika Telekom shares hijacking scandal, as well as raising embarrassing questions about the MCA's marginal and parasitical role in the Cabinet and government.

The Speaker, Tan Sri Zahir Ismail, said yesterday that as to whether my suspension from Parliament ends on May 21 or May 26, "it is crucial that the interpretation of the Chair prevails."

I fully agree. I should have been given the right to seek such a ruling from the Chair. Ong Tee Kiat should have allowed me to ask for a ruling on the matter and make his interpretation. Even if Ong Tee Kiat had interpreted it against my favour, I would have accepted it and left the Chamber - reserving the right of course to challenge the ruling by way of a motion later.

Why should a matter which could be disposed off in two or three minutes become a parliamentary pandemonium lasting about two hours? If this is not immaturity, compounded by bias and prejudice, I cannot think of any other reason.

Everybody saw Ong Tee Kiat went into a panic when he saw me enter the Chamber, shut off my microphone and denied me the right to ask for a ruling, creating the pandemonium in the Dewan Rakyat that ensued.

It is very clear that Ong Tee Kiat had violated all parliamentary traditions and conventions in his blatant bias, prejudice and immaturity and has forfeited the right to respect from MPs.

I will also explain tomorrow why Ong Tee Kiat had violated the Standing Orders in getting me suspended from Parliament till the end of the year.

The MCA Secretary-General and Housing Minister, Dr. Ting Chew Peh, accused the DAP MPs of being 'ruffians' in Parliament on Tuesday.

Members of the public, students and reporters saw a very different scene from that described by Dr. Ting Chew Peh.

It is clear that Dr. Ting Chew Peh has full admiration for certain Barisan Nasional MPs who shout abuses and made repeatedly indecent gestures in front of women MPs, from

both Barisan Nasional and Opposition, as well as in the presence of women reporters and large groups of Muslim girl students.

The MP for Pasir Mas, Ibrahim Ali, who made indecent gestures at least four times in full public sight last Tuesday, must be Dr. Ting Chew Peh's model of a 'gentleman' MP!

The MCA Deputy Education Minister, Dr. Fong Chan Onn, had made indecent gestures in the Dewan Rakyat, and it is understandable that Dr. Ting Chew Peh should want to condone and defend Ibrahim Ali for also making indecent gestures in the House.

I want to ask Dr. Ting Chew Peh - what has happened to your intellectual honesty and innocence before you were offered high position in government by the MCA?

DAP calls on the Government to telecast live Parliamentary proceedings so that the people can see for themselves who are the 'ruffians', who openly make 'indecent gestures' and who neglect their Ministerial duties in the House!

Press Conference Statement by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, at the DAP Hqs in Petaling Jaya on Friday, 29th May 1992 at 11.30 a.m.

DAP gives assurance that DAP MPs will not be involved in turning the Dewan Rakyat into an arena for physical fights as had happened in Taiwan Parliament

Dewan Rakyat Speaker, Tan Sri Zahir Ismail, said on Wednesday that he is worried that the Malaysian Parliament may end up like the Taiwan Parliament where the legislators were involved in physical fights.

DAP gives serious assurance that DAP MPs will not be involved in turning the Dewan Rakyat into an arena for physical fights as had happened in Taiwan Parliament.

This is because the DAP had been in Parliament for 26 years, and such fisticuffs had never happened.

It must be admitted however that in the recent Parliamentary meeting, a few Barisan Nasional MPs had tried to provoke the DAP MPs into fisticuffs which was witnessed by Parliament, the press and members of the public and students who were then in the public gallery.

No disciplinary action of any nature had ever been taken by the Chair against these Barisan Nasional MPs who had wanted to provoke fisticuffs or who repeatedly made obscene gestures, bringing Parliament into public odium and disrepute. As a result, these Barisan MPs are very proud of themselves and keep repeating their obscene gestures.

DAP MPs have strict instructions not to be involved in any fisticuffs with Barisan Nasional MPs who behave no differently from gangsters in the Dewan Rakyat.

DAP MPs to withdraw co-operation from Ong Tee Kiat as Deputy Speaker in future Parliamentary meetings because of his manifest bias, prejudice and immaturity

The DAP MPs, however, will not take tamely the violation of the Standing Orders by the Deputy Speaker, Ong Tee Kiat, to deny the democratic rights of Opposition MPs so as to suppress the further disclosures of the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal as well as other political and financial scandals involving the MCA Ministers.

DAP MPs will withdraw co-operation from Ong Tee Kiat as Deputy Speaker in future Parliamentary meetings because of his manifest bias, prejudice and immaturity which had been repeatedly demonstrated in the recent Parliamentary meeting.

On 14th May 1992, he misused his powers as Deputy Speaker by conspiring with the MIC President, Datuk Samy Vellu, to disallow me from making further disclosures on the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal, although the subject is clearly relevant in the debate on the Bankruptcy Amendment Bill, and getting me suspended from the rest of the Parliamentary meeting - which was to end on May 21.

On 26th May 1992, he again misused his powers as Deputy Speaker by refusing to let me ask for a ruling seeking clarification on the status of my suspension, as to whether it embraced the two extended sittings of May 25 and 26, causing a parliamentary pandemonium and conspired with MCA and UMNO Ministers to suspend me from Parliament until the end of the year.

Ong Tee Kiat blatantly and wantonly violated the Standing Orders because he know that DAP motions to

challenge his decisions would not be given time for debate

Ong Tee Kiat could so blatantly and wantonly violate the Standing Orders because he knew that DAP MPs have no appeal or redress because DAP motions to review and challenge his decisions made from the Chair, as provided for under Standing Order 43, would never be given time for debate.

This was what happened to the motion moved by the DAP Whip and MP for Kepong, Dr. Tan Seng Giaw, to review and reject Ong Tee Kiat's decisions on May 14 causing my suspension from the rest of the Parliamentary meeting.

By all accepted and established parliamentary conventions, traditions and practices, such a motion under Standing Order 43 to challenge the decision of the Chair should take priority over all government and private business immediately after the expiry of the required two-day notice as it concerns the fundamental question of the integrity, impartiality and competence of the Chair.

When Standing Order 43 becomes a 'dead letter' in not being given time for debate, then the important check which the Standing Orders had provided to safeguard against a wayward, perverse, incompetent or corrupt Deputy Speaker is completely nullified.

DAP MPs were therefore fully within their parliamentary rights and traditions to insist at every Parliamentary sitting that a motion under Standing Order 43 must take priority and precedence over all government and private business, if the Standing Orders are not to become a mockery.

Ong Tee Kiat set a new record in his blatant and wanton violation of the Standing Orders on May 26 when I returned to the House to seek a ruling on the status of my suspension, as I wanted to make further disclosures on the \$120 million

MAIKA Holdings shares hijacking scandal during the debate on the Companies Amendment Bill.

Ten indictments against Ong Tee Kiat for violating the Standing Orders and established parliamentary practices last Tuesday

DAP has ten indictments against Ong Tee Kiat for his blatant and wanton violations of the Standing Orders and established parliamentary practices last Tuesday in the unfair, undemocratic, improper and illegal extension of my suspension from Parliament until the end of the year.

Firstly, Ong Tee Kiat should have allowed me to seek clarification of my status of my suspension, before making his ruling, which I would have accepted although I might not agree. If he ruled that my suspension covered May 25 and 26, I would have left the Chamber - and the whole episode would not have lasted more than two or three minutes.

Instead, because of his bias, prejudice and immaturity, he denied my right to be heard, switched off my microphone and precipitated a parliamentary pandemonium lasting about two hours.

Secondly, Ong Tee Kiat's bias and prejudice was manifest when he refused to hear me and claimed from the Chair that I had been suspended from the service of the House until the end of the session, i.e. until next Parliament (telahpun digantung kerja sebagai Ahli Parlimen sampai habis penggal). In actual fact, the motion moved under S.O. 44(3) on May 14 suspended me until the end of the meeting. i.e. May 21, 1992 and not till the end of the session (penggal) as claimed by Ong Tee Kiat.

Thirdly, when I entered the chamber and the Member for Arau, Shahidan bin Kassim, raised a point of order on my presence, Ong Tee Kiat said "saya rasa Yang Berhormat

Tanjong dianggap sebagai orang luar pada ketika ini". (p. 21, Hansard 26.5.1992) If Ong Tee Kiat regarded me as a 'stranger' and not as an MP, then he could not invoke S.O. 44(6) which applies only to MPs.

For "strangers", Ong Tee Kiat could only use S.O. 93 on "Strangers", which reads:

"93.(1) Strangers shall be admitted to debates in the Chamber of the House under such rules as Tuan Yang di-Pertua may from time to time make for that purpose.

(2) If any member takes notice that strangers are present, the Chair shall put forthwith the question "That strangers do withdraw", without permitting any debate or amendment.

(3) The Chair may, whenever he thinks fit, order the withdrawal of strangers from the whole or any part of the Chamber.

(4) The Serjeant-at-Arms attending the House shall take into his custody any unauthorised stranger whom he may see, or who may be reported to be in any part of the Chamber or gallery, and also any stranger who, having been admitted into any part of the Chamber or gallery, shall misconduct himself, or shall not withdraw when strangers are directed, while the House or any Committee of the whole House is sitting."

If Ong Tee Kiat regarded me as a stranger as he ruled from the Chair, he could only invoke S.O. 93 to declare that there was a "stranger" in the House and direct the Serjeant-at-Arms to remove me.

Fourthly, Ong Tee Kiat invoked S.O. 44(6), which dealt solely with "Order in the House" concerning MPs. If Ong Tee Kiat wanted to use S.O. 44(6) against me, he had to concede that I was not a "stranger" as he had earlier ruled, and recognised my right as an MP as well to seek a clarifica-

tion on a point of order with regard to the status of my suspension.

Fifthly, Ong Tee Kiat could not invoke S.O. 44(6) without first invoking the earlier provisions of S.O. 44(2) to 44(5).

S.O. 44(2) gives power to the Chair to order any member whose conduct is grossly disorderly to withdraw immediately from the House during the remainder of that day's sitting and to name such member.

Under S.O. 44(3), whenever a member has been named by the Chair immediately after the commission of the offence of disregarding the authority of the Chair, a motion shall forthwith be proposed and seconded by any two Ministers present to suspend a member from the House. S.O. 44(6) gives power to the Chair to recourse to force for the removal of the member who had been suspended under S.O.44(3).

On the date in question, I had not been named under Section 44(2), nor a motion moved under S.O. 44(3) to suspend me from the service of the House. S.O.44(6) could not have been invoked properly and correctly.

Sixthly, the motion under S.O. 44(6) moved by the Minister for Justice, Syed Hamid Albar, and seconded by MCA Secretary-General, Dr. Ting Chew Peh, was also in violation of the Standing Orders.

S.O. 44(6) reads:

"If a member, or two or more members acting jointly who have been suspended under this Order from the service of the House, shall refuse to obey the direction of Tuan Yang di-Pertua to withdraw, when severally summoned under Tuan Yang di-Pertua's orders by the Serjeant-at-Arms to obey such direction, Tuan Yang di Pertua shall call the attention of the House to the fact that recourse to force is necessary in order

to compel obedience to his direction. When the member or members named by him as having refused to obey his direction have been removed from the House they shall thereupon without any further question being put be suspended from the service of the House during the remainder of the session."

This means that the Ministerial motion to suspend a member under S.O. 44(6) can only take place when a member had been forcibly removed from the House, and not where he had withdrawn on his own free will. This pre-condition was not present in my case as I withdrew from the House on my own free will after Ong Tee Kiat announced a 15-minute adjournment - and I was never forcibly removed from the House.

Seventhly, when the House resumed after a one-hour break instead of the announced 15 minutes, the House should have proceeded with its debate on the Weight and Measures Amendment Bill as there was no more disorder in the House, following my withdrawal from the House. However, the Hansard shows that Ong Tee Kiat insisted that the Ministerial motion under S.O. 44(6) be moved against me, although this was against the Standing Orders.

Eighthly, Ong Tee Kiat did not reconvene the House although he announced a 15-minute adjournment, because he sought 'SOS' from MCA and UMNO Ministers - none of whom was in the House earlier - to rush over from their Ministries and other engagements and conspired with them to move a most illegal, improper and irregular motion under S.O. 44(6) to suspend me from Parliament until the end of the year.

Just as Datuk Samy Vellu had misled the Finance Minister, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, and the Deputy Finance Minister, Ghani Othman, to tell lies about the Maika Telekom shares hijacking scandal in Parliament, Ong Tee Kiat had misled the Ministers to move a motion under S.O. 44(6) based not only

on hearsay, but the most prejudiced views of the Deputy Speaker himself.

Ninthly, Ong Tee Kiat had brought dishonour, disrepute and shame in abusing the standing orders just to suppress further disclosures of the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal and other political and financial scandals involving MCA leaders.

Tenthly, the open bias, prejudice and double standards whereby Barisan Nasional MPs who openly shout abuses, want to provoke fisticuffs and repeatedly show indecent gestures are not disciplined, while I am suspended till the end of the year from attending Parliament for trying to seek a clarification on the status of my suspension in a most orderly and proper manner.

Although Dr. Tan Seng Giaw's motion under S.O. 43 to review and reject the decision of Ong Tee Kiat on May 14 on my suspension had lapsed because it was not given time for debate, this motion will be re-submitted in the next Parliamentary meeting in July.

A second motion to review and reject Ong Tee Kiat's decisions from the Chair on May 26 on my suspension from Parliament till the end of the year will also be submitted by the DAP for the July meeting of Parliament.

The greater issue is the health of parliamentary democracy in Malaysia

DAP has taken other decisions in connection with the unfair, undemocratic, improper and illegal rulings and decisions on the extension of my suspension from Parliament till the end of the year, and they will be made public in due course at the right time.

The most important issue at stake however is the health of

parliamentary democracy in Malaysia. All over the world, there is a forward surge towards greater democracy and freedom, but in Malaysia, we seem to be going backwards. The powers-that-be are more concerned about the formal and external trappings of Parliamentary democracy, rather than the real essence and meaning of democracy and freedom.

Last Tuesday's episode is a symptom of a greater and deeper political problem in Malaysia, and it should be a reminder to all Malaysians that the time has come for the people to be more concerned about the greater democratisation of all fields of Malaysian life instead of allowing a continuing process of undemocratic developments in the country.

It cannot speak very well for Malaysia's parliamentary democracy, and the country's international reputation, that the Parliamentary Opposition Leader could either be detained indefinitely without trial under the Internal Security Act or be suspended from the Parliament for prolonged periods so as to suppress the expose of political and financial scandals in the country.

Press Conference Statement by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjong, Lim Kit Siang, in Johore Bahru when launching the DAP 'Back To The People' Campaign for Johore State on Saturday, May 30, 1992 at 11.30 am

Getting Malaysians to stand up and defend their democratic rights is another theme of the DAP's 'Back To The People' campaign

I have come to Johore Bahru to officially launch DAP's 'Back To The People' Campaign for the Johore State. This campaign had been launched in Penang, Perak, Selangor, Federal Territory, Negri Sembilan and Malacca.

I am also announcing another theme for the DAP's 'Back To The People' Campaign throughout the country - to get Malaysians to stand up and defend their democratic rights.

The great democratic awakening in the past three years with the forward march of democracy in many countries in the world has one common lesson: that it is finally the people who must stand up to fight and defend their democratic rights from suppression or erosion.

If the people are indifferent and do not jealously safeguard their democratic rights, then they will slowly lose these democratic freedoms and allow the country to become more and more undemocratic.

Thus, if there is no freedom of the press, where television and radio are monopolised by the ruling parties to the total exclusion of the Opposition, the people must demand a freer press in the country.

The people of Malaysia must finally decide whether my

suspension from attending Parliament until the end of the year is democratic, fair and just

Similarly, if there are unfair and undemocratic restrictions on the freedom of speech, expression and assembly of Opposition parties, the people must also make their disapproval known and felt by the government. This is because any unfair and undemocratic restrictions on the Opposition parties must be regarded as unfair and undemocratic restrictions on the people and country as well.

For this reason, when the ruling parties abused their brutal two-thirds majority in Parliament in order to deny the Opposition the democratic right to articulate the views, concerns, hopes and aspirations of the people, this is not only an abridgement of the democratic rights of the Opposition MPs, but also an infringement of the democratic rights of the Malaysian people and country as well.

Malaysians make world parliamentary history in suspending the Parliamentary Opposition Leader till end of the year

Thus, it is the people of Malaysia who must finally decide whether my suspension from attending Parliament till the end of the year is democratic, fair and right.

In the international arena, the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, advocates a more democratic international relationship between nations, whether big or small; rich or poor; developed, developing or undeveloped.

However, the Government refuses to recognise and practise these very democratic principles that it is preaching in world forums.

I hope the Prime Minister would realise that the more undemocratic the Government becomes, the less credible he

would become when he goes to address international forums.

The brutal two-thirds parliamentary majority of the Barisan Nasional government has again brought shame and dishonour to Malaysian democracy in the world - for Malaysia has made world parliamentary history in suspending the Parliamentary Opposition Leader till the end of the year.

The reason why I had been suspended from Parliament till the end of the year is not because I had tried to turn the Malaysian Parliament into a Taiwan Parliament with physical attacks by MPs on the Chair, or like some Barisan Nasional MPs who repeatedly made obscene signs in the presence of women MPs, women reporters, women public and large groups of girl students.

The reason why I had been suspended from Parliament till the end of the year is because the Barisan Nasional Ministers and leaders have a lot of skeletons in the cupboard which they are afraid would be exposed, in the way that the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal was exposed.

If I cannot attend Parliament until end of the year, I am thinking of going on an international tour and attend international conferences to fight for greater democracy in world relations as well as within nations like Malaysia

If I cannot attend Parliament until the end of the year, I am thinking of going on an international tour, contact governments and international organisations and attend international conferences to fight for greater democracy both in world relations as well as within nations like Malaysia.

Democracy in the last decade of the 20th century must be strengthened at two levels: in international relations and within nations like Malaysia.

It is highly hypocritical for any government leader to go

to a world forum to ask for greater democracy in international relations when he leads a government which suppresses democracy in his own country.

Political parties and governments of all countries should be urged to heed the demand for greater democracy in international relations, reform the United Nations so that it is not the instrument of the United States, while at the same time, put pressure on all governments which had denied democratic freedoms to their people by demanding that democratic and parliamentary reforms should also take place in these countries.

Press Conference Statement by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, when attending the official opening of the Penang State Assembly on Tuesday, June 2, 1992

Glad that Ghafar Baba acknowledge and respect my right to go on an international pro-Malaysian democracy tour following my suspension from Parliament till end of the year

Deputy Prime Minister, Ghafar Baba, said yesterday that I am free to go on an international tour to fight for greater democracy as Malaysians are free to praise or criticise the country with the people ultimately being the judge of their actions.

I am glad that Ghafar Baba acknowledges and respect my right to go on an international pro-Malaysian democracy tour following my suspension from Parliament till end of the year.

If Malaysians can only talk about the lack of democracy in other countries, but cannot speak in international forums about the violations of human rights and democratic freedoms, what type of a democracy are we having in Malaysia?

The suspension of the Parliamentary Opposition Leader from attending Parliament until the end of the year has created world Parliamentary history and is the latest and most vivid example of the undemocratic trend in Malaysia in the past five years.

The immediate purpose of the suspension of the Parliamentary Opposition Leader is to suppress the further disclosures of the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal and other political and financial scandals involving

MCA and UMNO Ministers and leaders.

But the deeper purpose of the suspension of the Parliamentary Opposition Leader is to stifle growing demands of the people for greater democratisation in Malaysia.

The forward march of democracy all over the world, including some neighbouring countries which had always lagged behind Malaysia in political democracy, has made some people worried that there would be a similar demand by Malaysians for greater democracy and democratisation in the country.

The suspension of the Parliamentary Opposition Leader from attending Parliament until the end of the year is therefore an important and symbolic message by these people that they oppose a greater democratisation process in Malaysia.

I am planning an international pro-Malaysian democracy tour after the July/August Parliamentary meeting, probably in middle of September. I plan to start off in Europe first, before going to the other continents, including a visit to the United Nations.

The 80,000 Malaysians students overseas have a right to know why Malaysia created world Parliamentary history by suspending the Parliamentary Opposition Leader until the end of the year

I plan a very extended international tour, for I am sure Malaysians, particularly Malaysian students, overseas as well as the international community want to know why the Parliamentary Opposition Leader was suspended from attending Parliament until the end of the year, and why Malaysia is going backwards in political democracy when all over the world there is a forward surge for democracy.

The 80,000 Malaysian students overseas have a right to

know why Malaysia has created world parliamentary history by suspending the Parliamentary Opposition Leader from Parliament until the end of the year.

This is because no one will believe that my going to Parliament to seek clarification on the status of my earlier suspension warrants the extension of my suspension until I could not attend the July and October-December budget parliamentary meetings.

The glaring case where the UMNO MP for Pasir Mas, Ibrahim Ali, committed an even greater offence of repeatedly making indecent gestures before women MPs, women civil servants, women reporters, women members of the public and large groups of girl students, and not being disciplined or penalised at all is best proof that there is a deeper purpose to the suspension of the Parliamentary Opposition Leader from Parliament till the end of the year.

How can anyone accept that my misconduct was so great that I must be suspended from Parliament until the end of the year, while Ibrahim Ali had committed no misconduct whatsoever - not even getting a reprimand or a warning?

The blatant injustice of my suspension from Parliament until the end of the year is one issue, but a greater issue is the severe assault and erosion on the democratic rights of Malaysians which it represented.

Statement by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, at the Press Conference to announce the launching of a nation-wide mass signature campaign to revoke the suspension of Parliamentary Opposition Leader held at DAP Hqrs in Petaling Jaya on Saturday, 6th June 1992 at 12 noon

Suspension of Parliamentary Opposition Leader from attending Parliament until end of year closely related to the increase in corruption and financial scandals like the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal

Malaysians must regard the arbitrary suspension of the Parliamentary Opposition Leader from attending Parliament until the end of the year as a great blow to meaningful parliamentary democracy in Malaysia.

Last year, the government took great offence when the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Human Development Report 1991 placed Malaysia 55th among 88 countries in the Human Freedom Index.

While some of the indicators used to formulate the UNDP Human Freedom Index are objectionable, what could not be denied is that Malaysia does not have a high level of democratic freedom and human rights.

What is worse, while democracy has been on the march all over the world in the past few years, including in countries which had totalitarian governments in the past, democracy in Malaysia had been in constant retreat.

The anti-democratic trend in Malaysia in the past few years is closely related to the increase in rampant corrup-

tion and financial scandals like the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal

Parliament had been the latest victim of this trend against democracy in Malaysia in the past five years, which saw the Internal Security Act mass detentions under Operation Lalang in 1987; the assault on the independence of the Judiciary in 1988; the increasing control, manipulation and censorship of the mass media, in particular the electronic media before and after the 1990 general elections; and now, the continued erosion of the real role, function and power of Parliament, culminating in the suspension of the Parliamentary Opposition Leader from attending Parliament until the end of the year.

There is no doubt that this anti-democratic trend in Malaysia in the past few years is intimately related to the increase in rampant corruption and financial scandals in the country, like the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

MIC President, Datuk Samy Vellu, had made a very significant statement over the DAP's expose and disclosures about the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

Datuk Samy Vellu asked why the DAP picked on the MIC and did not expose the shares scandal of other political parties.

The DAP does not practise discrimination in our exposure of corruption and financial scandals involving top political leaders, regardless of which political party they come from.

If Datuk Samy Vellu can furnish me with information about the shares scandals of other political parties, I will have no hesitation in exposing them while giving him my assurance that I would not reveal my source.

The Johore MIC Chairman, Tan Sri G. Pasamanickam,

who had declared in his capacity as MAIKA Board Chairman that the MAIKA Board of Directors had absolutely nothing to do with the hijacking of the nine million Telekom shares meant for MAIKA to three mysterious companies, had announced that thousands of MIC members in all the Johore MIC branches will be gathering in Muar next Thursday to burn my effigy for trying to champion the cause of the 66,000 MAIKA shareholders for justice.

I would understand why Tan Sri Pasamanickam want to organise a burning of my effigy if I had hijacked the nine million Telekom shares from MAIKA shareholders

I thought that Tan Sri G. Pasamanickam should be thanking me for exposing the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal as it was done solely in the interests of the 66,000 MAIKA shareholders who had been cheated of the nine million Telekom shares.

I would understand why Tan Sri G. Pasamanickam would want to organise thousands of MIC members to burn my effigy if I had hijacked the nine million Telekom shares from the MAIKA shareholders.

However, Tan Sri G. Pasamanickam dare not burn the effigy of the person who had hijacked the nine million Telekom shares from MAIKA - and instead, he wants to burn the effigy of the person who exposes the hijacking!

Tan Sri Pasamanickam's action is not unusual in Malaysia's political culture of corruption - where it is not the corrupt who is adjudged guilty, but the person who exposes corruption.

The fact that Tan Sri Pasamanickam wants to organise a burning of my effigy shows the magnitude of the problem of increasing corruption and financial scandals in the country and why democratic rights and freedoms have come under

more and more severe attack, both inside and outside Parliament.

The nation-wide mass signature campaign which the DAP Central Executive Committee has decided to launch to petition the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, for the immediate revocation of the suspension of the Parliamentary Opposition Leader from attending Parliament until the end of the year is the first step by Malaysians of all races to register their concern and to demand for a halt to the erosion of the democratic freedoms and human rights of Malaysians as well as for firm action to be taken against rampant corruption and financial scandals in the country.

Furthermore, it is for Malaysians to express their concern and demand that Parliament must be restored its full role, meaning and powers as the highest deliberative and legislative chamber in the country, and not become a mere rubber-stamp of the Executive.

Speech by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjong, Lim Kit Siang, at the Kampar DAP 'Back To The People' Thousand-People Dinner held in Kampar on Saturday, 6th June 1992 at 8 pm

DAP's nation-wide mass signature campaign is the Malaysian people's pro-democracy movement for every Malaysian to demand for greater democracy and less corruption in the country

The DAP's nation-wide mass signature campaign for the immediate revocation on the suspension of the Parliamentary Opposition Leader from attending Parliament until the end of the year is the Malaysian people's pro-democracy movement for every Malaysian to demand for greater democracy and less corruption in the country.

It is the opportunity for every Malaysian, regardless of race, religion, class or age, to tell the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, that Malaysia cannot be going backwards in democracy when all over the world, there is a forward surge of democracy - even in countries which had been so behind Malaysia in political democracy in the past like the Soviet Union, Eastern Europe and even in some neighbouring countries.

It is also the opportunity for every Malaysian to express their concern to the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, at the increase in corruption and financial scandals in the country - which is directly related to the attempts to suppress democratic efforts to expose such scandals, like the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares financial scandal and many other such-like scandals involving other political parties in the Barisan Nasional as hinted by the MIC President, Datuk Samy Vellu.

In a democratic country, only the people can stop the erosion of democratic freedoms and human rights by taking a strong and firm stand against such democratic backslidings. I am not suggesting that Malaysians take to the streets and face bullets from soldiers as had happened in some countries, including Thailand most recently, in their pro-democracy struggle.

In Malaysia, a pro-democracy movement and struggle does not mean street battles or confrontations with the army or police, but the exercise of their democratic rights in a peaceful and legal fashion - as participating in the nation-wide mass signature campaign for the revocation of the suspension of the Parliamentary Opposition Leader launched in Petaling Jaya this morning.

Whether I can attend Parliament or not is a small personal matter to me, but the suspension of the Parliamentary Opposition Leader from attending Parliament till the end of the year is a major fundamental issue which concerns the democratic rights of the people.

If the Parliamentary Opposition Leader could be unfairly, summarily and undemocratically suspended, how can any Malaysian expect his democratic rights to be respected?

If the Parliamentary Opposition Leader could be unfairly, summarily and undemocratically suspended from Parliament till the end of the year - when the MP for Pasir Mas, Ibrahim Ali, who repeatedly made indecent gestures before women MPs, women civil servants, women reporters and large groups of girl students was never punished or reprimanded - the people are entitled to ask as to what type of a parliamentary democracy does Malaysia have?

If the Parliamentary Opposition Leader could be so shabbily treated, how could any ordinary Malaysian expect his

democratic rights to be respected?

Let Malaysians of all races, classes and age, therefore make their voice heard that they cherish their democratic rights, including the democratic right of the Parliamentary Opposition Leader to speak up on their behalf to expose corruption and financial scandals like the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

DAP launches a DAP Pro-Democracy Fund for an international pro-Malaysian democracy tour and other pro-democracy activities

Deputy Prime Minister, Ghafar Baba, has acknowledged my right to make a pro-Malaysian democracy international tour to take the fight for greater democracy and more press freedom in Malaysia to the international level - especially to the 80,000 Malaysian students overseas.

However, MCA and Gerakan leaders have not been so open-minded and have started to attack this idea of a pro-Malaysian democracy international tour.

The people of Malaysia will decide whether this idea of a pro-Malaysian democracy international tour materialises, for the DAP will put this proposal to the people and seek their support by asking for their financial support for such a project.

The DAP is therefore launching a DAP pro-democracy fund for an international pro-Malaysian democracy tour and other pro-democracy activities.

Depending on the support of the people to this idea of a pro-Malaysian democracy international tour, we will decide the details of the tour, such as the number of people on the mission; the countries to be visited; the length of the tour; the people we will meet overseas such as Malaysian students abroad, foreign governments, NGOs and the international

conferences to attend, etc.

The DAP is launching this DAP Pro-Democracy Fund at this DAP 'Back To The People' Dinner in Kampar. The main purpose is to finance a pro-Malaysian democracy international tour to demand for greater democracy and more press freedom in Malaysia and other pro- democracy activities and programmes. If for some reason, the pro-international democracy tour does not materialise, the funds collected will still be used for other pro-democracy activities and programmes organised by the DAP.

Liong Sik is so 'last to learn, last to be conscious' that he only knew about the DAP's 'Back To The People' Campaign two months after it had been launched

Two days ago, MCA President, Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik, attacked the DAP for its 'Back To The People Campaign'.

Liong Sik is so 'last to learn, last to be conscious' that he knew only about the DAP's 'Back To The People Campaign' two months after it had been launched.

In any event, Liong Sik is the last person in the MCA to criticise the DAP's 'Back To The People' Campaign, as he represents MCA leaders who have been running away from the people throughout their political life.

This was why Liong Sik ran away from the Bagan parliamentary seat in Penang in the 1986 general elections, because he was afraid of going back to the voters whom he had been MP for two terms. Instead, Liong Sik ran away all the way to the Labis parliamentary seat in Johore, depending on UMNO's Malay votes to get elected into Parliament.

I want to warn Liong Sik to stop using Tunku Abdul Rahman fund-raising functions to launch baseless attacks on

the DAP and its leaders, like attacking my parents, family and teachers.

I know that Liong Sik and the other MCA leaders are hoping that the DAP would be so provoked by the MCA leaders in their politicking of TAR fund-raising functions, using them to tell lies about the DAP, that we will call on the Chinese not to contribute to TAR.

DAP will never do such a thing, for although we ourselves have reservations about TAR, we have not and will not ask anyone not to contribute to TAR - just as the DAP had never asked anyone not to contribute to the Chinese primary schools although they should have been the government's full responsibility as in the case of national primary schools.

We cannot agree however that the job of the MCA Ministers is to go up and down the country to 'char kway teow' to raise funds for TAR, when the additional \$25 million TAR needs for its expansion plans could easily be allocated by the government.

Alternatively, the source of funding could be easily found if the MCA Ministers had secured for the Chinese community a fair share of the national economic cake.

If Datuk Samy Vellu can get 10 million Telekom shares for MAIKA for the Indian community (although nine million shares were subsequently hijacked), the MCA Ministers should have no difficulty in getting at least 30 million Telekom shares for the educational, cultural, social and religious betterment of the Chinese community.

If the MCA Ministers had also secured allocation of other shares like MAS, MISC, EON, Guthrie (which were secured by MAIKA) and the recent TEN shares, then the total hoard of shares would be worth at least \$1 billion today. With this collection of shares, the \$25 million needed by TAR is mere

'petty cash' - with enough money to give tens of millions of ringgit for the 60 Chinese Independent Secondary schools, the over one thousand Chinese primary schools, as well as for other educational, cultural, social and religious purposes.

It is precisely because Liong Sik and the MCA Ministers had failed to secure for the Chinese community a fair share of the national economic cake that they have to go up and down the country to 'char kway teow' to raise funds for TAR. MCA Ministers having to go up and down the country to 'char kway teow' and TAR represent the failure of the MCA Ministers in Cabinet and Government, and not their success.

After all, Dr. Mahathir does not have to go up and down the country to make mee goreng and Samy Vellu does not have to go up and down the country to make roti canai to collect funds from the Malay or Indian communities to set up private colleges.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Penang on Monday, June 8, 1992:

If being a Minister is the badge of loyalty, then Wang Chin-Wei would be China's most loyal and patriotic leader as he was the head of the government in war-time China although he was a Japanese puppet

Gerakan President and Primary Industries Minister, Datuk Dr. Lim Keng Yaik, had made a very serious charge when he accused me of wanting to commit disloyal acts in proposing to go on a world pro-Malaysian democracy tour in September, to campaign for greater democracy, more press freedom and less corruption and financial scandals in Malaysia.

Is Keng Yaik saying that if I conduct a world tour to explain to the 80,000 Malaysian students overseas in United Kingdom, Ireland, Germany, other European countries, United States, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Japan, Taiwan, India and the ASEAN countries as well as to concerned foreign governments and interested international non-government organisations (NGOs) the true position of parliamentary democracy in Malaysia today, I would be committing an act of disloyalty?

Is Keng Yaik saying that if I go on a world tour, I must tell untruths and claim that there is total press freedom, full human rights and complete democratic liberties in Malaysia if I am to be a 'loyal Malaysian'?

When Nelson Mandela came to Malaysia and spoke up

against the unfair and discriminatory policies of the apartheid regime in South Africa, did Keng Yaik regard Nelson Mandela as being disloyal and a traitor to South Africa? If this was the case, why was Nelson Mandela given official reception by the Barisan Nasional government?

Or does Keng Yaik practise double-standards, that Malaysian leaders can go to international forums to criticise the lack of democracy in other countries, but Malaysians cannot go to international forums to criticise the lack of democracy in Malaysia?

It would appear that the Deputy Prime Minister, Ghafar Baba, is more open, enlightened and liberal than Keng Yaik as the Deputy Prime Minister acknowledges and respects my right to go on an international tour to campaign for greater democracy and more press freedom in Malaysia.

Is the Gerakan President hoping to create a situation where I could be detained a third time under the Internal Security Act?

Let me tell Keng Yaik that I am an even more loyal and patriotic Malaysian than him, because for my love, loyalty and patriotism for Malaysia, I am prepared to lose my personal liberties twice when detained under the Internal Security Act and I am prepared to be detained for a third time.

Does Keng Yaik think that just being a Minister in the Federal Government automatically makes a person loyal and patriotic? If being a Minister in Government is the badge of loyalty, then Wang Chin Wei would be China's most loyal and patriotic leader as he was head of the government in war-time China, although he was mere Japanese puppet!

Lim Keng Yaik should know enough of Chinese history to know whether Wang Chin Wei is a great patriot or a great traitor in Chinese history.

Keng Yaik's accusation that the DAP tried to coax the British government to draft a resolution to ban the import of Malaysian timber was a pure concoction and a lie

Keng Yaik told a lie when he claimed that the DAP had tried to coax the British Government to draft a resolution to ban the import of Malaysian timber.

Keng Yaik said that he found out about the 'DAP ploy' from some British Members of Parliament during one of his trips to Europe several months ago and was shocked when they told him that DAP MP for Bandar Kuching Sim Kwang Yang had been trying to influence British MPs by feeding them with wrong information about Malaysia's logging policy.

Keng Yaik said the ploy was primarily aimed at influencing the British Parliament into coming up with a resolution to impose a ban on the import of Malaysian timber to Europe and belittle Malaysia's environment policy.

Keng Yaik's so-called expose came as a complete news to me, as I knew nothing about this so-called 'DAP ploy' to coax the British government to draft a resolution to ban the import of Malaysian timber.

On reading the news report this morning, I immediately phoned Sdr. Sim Kwang Yang in Kuching, who categorically denied the allegation and would be issuing a statement on the latest lies by Keng Yaik.

It is very sad that Federal Ministers have to concoct lies just to score political points against the Opposition.

Sim Kwang Yang was never in London to lobby or coax the British Government or British Parliament.

Keng Yaik should name the British MPs who are supposed

to have given him such information, if such British MPs exist. If Keng Yaik cannot even name the British MPs who have given him the information, then he is just being a liar another time.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Penang on Tuesday, 9th June 1992:

Advice to Dr. Ting Chew Peh not to be a 'small person' telling falsehoods and distorting other people's statements

I want to advise the MCA Secretary-General and Minister for Housing, Dr. Ting Chew Peh, not to be a 'small person' telling falsehoods and distorting other people's statements.

For instance, Chew Peh told a English-language newspaper that I had been issuing Chinese press statements claiming that I had been suspended from Parliament because the Government wanted to stop me from exposing more financial scandals.

Chew Peh was being very mischievous, wanting to give the impression that I only issue Chinese press statements to mislead the Chinese newspaper readers, while I dare not issue such press statements to the English and Bahasa Malaysia newspapers. By innuendo and insinuation, Chew Peh wants to create an impression among the readers of the English-language newspapers that I was trying to play one race against another.

Chew Peh was being most irresponsible and downright dishonest as he knows that I issue my press statements to all language newspapers as well as Bernama and foreign agencies.

I not only tell the Chinese newspapers, but the English and Bahasa Malaysia newspapers, Bernama and foreign agencies

that the suspension of the Parliamentary Opposition Leader from Parliament until the end of the year is a great shame to parliamentary democracy and a MIC-MCA-UMNO conspiracy to suppress further disclosures of the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal in Parliament.

Chew Peh must have noted the protest by Samy Vellu why the DAP was picking on the MIC, as he said the other political parties in the Barisan Nasional have also their 'financial and shares scandals'.

Only those who are afraid of the expose of more financial scandals, involving not only MIC leaders, but also MCA and UMNO leaders, could make the perverse ruling that in the debate on the Bankruptcy Amendment Bill, the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal which had driven shareholders to bankruptcy, is not relevant.

In protecting Samy Vellu and defending the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal, Ting Chew Peh and the other MCA leaders were only protecting their own interests to ensure that MCA financial scandals would not be exposed in Parliament.

Amendment of Constitution for redelineation of parliamentary and state assembly constituencies another reason for the suspension of the Parliamentary Opposition Leader

It has been reported that a Constitutional Amendment Bill may be presented in the July Parliament for the redelineation of parliamentary and state assembly constituencies.

Was this another reason for the suspension of the Parliamentary Opposition Leader from attending Parliament until the end of the year?

It is well know that the reason that Chew Peh and other MCA leaders can become Cabinet Ministers, although the

MCA could only get 20 per cent of the support of the Chinese electorate, is because of the unfair and undemocratic delineation of the constituencies.

In fact, the undemocratic delineation of the parliamentary and state assembly constituencies had been the sole life-line for the MCA candidates in allowing them to get elected purely on UMNO's Malay votes.

This may be the reason why Ting Chew Peh was such a fervent supporter for my suspension from Parliament, being the seconder of both the motions to suspend me from Parliament, at first from Parliament until May 21 and later to suspend me until the end of the year.

This is also the reason why he could brand DAP MPs as 'gangsters' but defend the behaviour of MP for Pasir Mas, Ibrahim Ali, who repeatedly made indecent and obscene signs and gestures in Parliament in front of women MPs, women civil servants, women reporters and large groups of girl students.

Speech by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjong, Lim Kit Siang, at a DAP buffet in Kota Kinabalu held on Saturday, 13th June 1992 at 7 pm

Malaysians must demand that the Barisan Nasional Government become more democratic as in making public the new education bill before it is presented to Parliament

In the past few years, Malaysia has been going against the tides of history. All over the world, there is a flowering of democracy and countries which had been ruled by totalitarian regimes for decades have now turned to democracy.

In Malaysia however, the Barisan Nasional Government has been taking the country backwards, to the extent that Malaysia is being overtaken by more and more countries in terms of democracy and human rights.

This was why in 1991, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) placed Malaysia in the 55th place among 88 countries in its Human Freedom Index. Today, Malaysia's place would have slipped further down the list, as seen by the increasing control, manipulation and censorship of the mass media, in particular the electronic media of radio and television; and the suspension of the Parliamentary Opposition Leader from attending Parliament until the end of the year for trying to make further disclosures about the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

Malaysians must demand that the Barisan Nasional Government become more democratic and respect the democratic rights of Malaysians.

Democracy means public participation in policy decision-making, as for instance, giving the people at large the opportunity to give their views and participate in the formulation of new laws and policies.

The new education bill of the Barisan Nasional government is a very good example of its lack of genuine democratic commitment. A government which believes in democracy and respects the democratic rights of the citizens in a participatory democracy will make public the new education bill before presenting it to Parliament for the fullest public debate and discussion first.

However, the Barisan Nasional Government has never promised to make the Education Bill public before presenting it to Parliament, so that all Malaysians have a chance to give their views first on such an important subject.

Malaysians must demand that the Barisan Nasional government become more democratic as in making public the new education bill, which it had taken over five years to draft and finalise.

DAP launching a pro-democracy movement in Malaysia because the people have a right to demand that the Barisan Nasional government meet higher democratic standards than in the past

DAP is launching a pro-democracy movement in Malaysia because the people have the right to demand that the Barisan Nasional Government meet higher democratic standards than in the past.

The people must make their voice heard that at a time when there is a forward surge of democracy all over the world, the trend in Malaysia towards greater violation of the democratic freedoms and human rights of Malaysians is no more acceptable.

Thus, the suspension of the Parliamentary Opposition Leader from attending Parliament until the end of the year to suppress the expose of political and financial scandals like the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal must be condemned by all Malaysians as a serious attack on democracy in Malaysia.

Some Barisan Nasional leaders like the MCA President, Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik and the Gerakan President, Datuk Dr. Lim Keng Yaik, seemed to be panicking that I propose to go on a pro-democracy world tour to fight for greater democracy, more press freedom, less corruption and financial scandals and more public accountability in Malaysia.

Liong Sik and Keng Yaik should realise that in the present age of technology and fast-dwindling globe, there are many issues which cannot be regarded as the sole prerogatives of nations, but have become the common concerns of mankind.

This is why there is currently a Earth Summit on the environment in Rio de Janeiro. The same applies to the question of democracy and human rights.

Just as the Malaysian Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, has made use of international forums to criticise and attack countries which had violated the democratic rights of their people, the world is equally entitled to be concerned about the violation of democratic freedoms and human rights in Malaysia.

It was childish and most immature for Keng Yaik to accuse me of being disloyal in wanting to go on a world tour to fight for greater democracy, more press freedom, less corruption and financial scandals, and greater public accountability in Malaysia.

I am leaving to the people of Malaysia to decide whether to go on a world tour to fight for greater democracy in

Malaysia - for such a pro-Malaysian democracy world tour is not for myself, but for the sake of promoting democracy in Malaysia.

If the people of Malaysia supports the pro-Malaysian democracy world tour and contribute to its costs, then we will decide on the details as to the countries to be visited, the length of the world tour and the number of people on the pro-Malaysian democracy world tour mission.

Launching of two new books in Kota Kinabalu as part of the pro-democracy movement in Malaysia

As part of the pro-democracy movement in Malaysia, I am officially launching tonight two new books, Volumes One and Two of 'Selected Speeches and Press Statements by Lim Kit Siang'.

Volume One of the selection covers the 50-day period from March 1 to April 20 while Volume Two covers the 35-day period from April 21 to May 25, 1992. These two volumes are only in English.

Malaysians who want to know what is happening in their own country should buy these two volumes, which cover issues like the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal; hukum hudud, Islamisation and Islamic state; the government attack on the Bar Council; education and economy.

DAP will never compromise its founding principle upholding Malaysia's secular Federal Constitution and will oppose imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians

These two volumes are necessary and important if Malaysians are not to be deceived by the propaganda of distortion and falsehoods of Barisan Nasional component parties.

For instance, the MCA and Gerakan have succeeded in making some Malaysians believe that the DAP fully supports PAS in its efforts to introduce hukum hudud and to establish an Islamic State.

DAP will never betray or compromise our founding party principle upholding Malaysia's secular Federal Constitution and will oppose imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

It is unthinkable that the DAP will support the imposition of hukum hudud with its penalties of amputation of hands and feet, whipping and stoning on non-Muslim Malaysians, and the DAP MPs have made it very clear in the recent Parliamentary meeting in April and May that PAS should respect the constitutional rights and religious sensitivities of the non-Muslim Malaysians by abandoning its plan to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians in Kelantan.

DAP will definitely oppose and vote against any PAS proposal in Parliament to amend the Federal Constitution which will undermine the secular basis of the nation as to allow the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

There are many misconceptions about the DAP's stand on hukum hudud, and I will deal with them in greater detail in my speech in Sandakan tomorrow night.

Speech by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjong, Lim Kit Siang, at the DAP Buffet in Kota Kinabalu on Saturday, 13th June 1992 at 7 pm

Launching of Pro-Democracy Movement Fund and mass signature campaign to revoke the suspension of Parliamentary Opposition Leader excellent opportunities for Sabahans to participate in the Malaysian struggle for greater democracy, more press freedom, less corruption and more accountability

Tonight in Kota Kinabalu, the DAP is launching three items. Firstly, the national launching of my two new books on selections from press statements and speeches from March 1 to April 20 in Volume One, and from April 21 to May 25, 1992 in Volume Two.

Secondly, the launching in Sabah state of the mass signature campaign to revoke the suspension of Parliamentary Opposition Leader from attending Parliament until the end of the year for trying to make more disclosures on the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal in Parliament:

Thirdly, the launching in Sabah of a Pro-Democracy Movement Fund which will have as its first project, the financing of a pro-democracy world tour by DAP leaders to meet with the 80,000 Malaysian students overseas, foreign governments and international Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) to fight for greater democracy, more press freedom, less corruption and more accountability in Malaysia.

Malaysia will be celebrating her 35th National Day on August 31, but has Malaysian parliamentary democracy in the

last 35 years been strengthened or weakened?

Any dispassionate observer must answer in the negative. The erosion of democratic freedoms and human rights of Malaysians have been particularly serious in the last five to six years, as seen by the 1987 Operation Lalang mass arrests; the 1988 attack on the independence of the judiciary with the sacking of Tun Salleh Abas as Lord President and two Supreme Court judges; the curtailment of the freedom of speech, expression, a free press and right to information; the political and economic discrimination against the people of Sabah, and most recently, the suspension of the Parliamentary Opposition Leader from attending Parliament until the end of the year.

The democratic backsliding of Malaysia is particularly pronounced at a time when there is a forward surge for democracy in the world, including countries which had been ruled by communist and totalitarian regimes for decades.

Malaysians must not be left behind in his world-wide awakening of the the right of human beings to democratic freedoms and human rights.

This is why there is an urgent need for a Pro-Democracy Movement in Malaysia - to defend, uphold and promote the democratic freedoms and human rights of all Malaysians.

The DAP's mass signature campaign to revoke the suspension of the Parliamentary Opposition Leader from attending Parliament until the end of the year is not a campaign for one person, but a campaign for democracy for all Malaysians and to put a halt to the undemocratic trend in the country.

If the rights of the Parliamentary Opposition Leader are not respected, how could any Malaysian expect his democratic rights to be respected?

If the Parliamentary Opposition Leader could be suspended from attending Parliament until the end of the year for trying to expose corruption, political and financial scandals like the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal, parliamentary democracy in Malaysia is in peril.

If the rights of the Parliamentary Opposition Leader are not respected, how can any Malaysian expect his democratic rights to be respected?

It is open knowledge that in Parliament, Barisan Nasional MPs like the MP for Pasir Mas, Ibrahim Ali, repeatedly showed indecent gestures and obscene signs in front of women MPs, women civil servants, women reporters and large groups of girl students.

When no action was ever taken against such disgraceful and dishonourable conduct in Parliament, while the Parliamentary Opposition Leader is suspended from attending Parliament until the end of the year for trying to speak up against corruption, political and financial scandals, Malaysians must stand up and make their objections heard.

They can do this by signing a mass petition to the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, asking for the immediate revocation of the suspension of the Parliamentary Opposition Leader until the end of the year.

DAP calls on United Nations to convene a World Democracy Summit on democracy and human rights in the world after the fashion of the Earth Summit

The second Pro-Democracy Movement project is a world tour by DAP leaders to take the struggle for greater democracy, more press freedom, less corruption and more accountability to the international level.

Dr. Mahathir had rightly used international forums to

attack governments which had violated the democratic freedoms and human rights of their people, like South Africa and Israel. Similarly, the world community has a right to be concerned about the violation of democratic freedoms and human rights in Malaysia.

Just as there is currently an Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, the time has come for the convening of a World Democracy Summit. DAP calls on the United Nations to convene a Democracy Summit as democracy and human rights, like environment, are issues which transcend national boundaries, for they are rights of humanity and not rights given by any governments or nations.

As this pro-Malaysian democracy world tour is not for me or the DAP but for all Malaysians committed to democracy, it would only have meaning if it is fully supported by the people not only morally, but financially as well.

In this way, we can not only tell the Malaysian government but the world community that this is a world tour of the people of Malaysia for greater democracy, more press freedom, less corruption and more accountability.

This is the reason why the DAP has launched the Pro-Democracy Movement Fund to collect public contributions for such a world tour. If for any reason such a world tour does not materialise, the monies collected will be used for other pro-democracy movement projects and activities.

The people of Sabah have excellent opportunities to join hands with other Malaysians to participate in the Malaysian struggle for greater democracy, more press freedom, less corruption and more accountability with the launching of the Pro-Democracy Movement Fund and the mass signature campaign to revoke the suspension of the Parliamentary Opposition Leader from attending Parliament until the end of the year.

Speech by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjong, Lim Kit Siang, at the DAP Sandakan Branch dinner held in Sandakan on Sunday, June 14, 1992 at 7 pm

DAP supports Mahathir's call for the restructuring of the UN Security Council and the removal of the veto power

The Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, said in an interview with the Inter Press Service (IPS) news agency in Rio de Janeiro that the United Nations Security Council should be restructured and the veto power removed to make the council representative of the powers of today.

DAP supports the Prime Minister's call for greater democratisation in the international relations between countries.

The charter, the Security Council and other organs and agencies of the United Nations, its rules, procedures and mechanisms, should be reviewed and restructured to give greater meaning to democracy in international relations.

Dr. Mahathir is right in accusing developed nations of hypocrisy in preaching democracy but refusing to practise international democracy - pointing out that there is no one-country, one vote in international relations but a question of how strong you are.

Dr. Mahathir said: "People who preach democracy should practise democracy."

It is important that in campaigning for international democracy, Dr. Mahathir should also be consistent and not be accused of double-standards and hypocrisy which he is accusing the developed nations.

Malaysia's voice in international arena for international democracy can only be loud, strong and respected if the Malaysian government cannot be accused of becoming more and more undemocratic in the country.

There is no doubt that this is the greatest blemish for Malaysia's international repute and standing - the increasing violation of democratic freedoms and human rights in Malaysia, to the extent that the Parliamentary Opposition Leader could be suspended from attending Parliament for trying to make more disclosures about the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

While campaigning for international democracy in international forums, the Prime Minister should also initiate a process of greater democratisation in all aspects of national life in Malaysia.

For a start, there must be wide-ranging Parliamentary reforms to restore Parliament's role as the highest deliberative and legislative chamber in the country.

Just as the charter and organs of the United Nations should be restructured and democratised, the Standing Orders, practices, procedures, committees and functioning of Parliament must be restructured and democratised so that MPs can play a meaningful role in all stages of the formulation of laws and policies - and not just be a rubber stamp for the Executive.

Parliamentary standing orders, committees and functions should be restructured and democratised

The undemocratic and unfair nature of the Standing Orders could be illustrated by two examples:

Firstly, there is no way the Opposition could get a Minister suspended from the House although he had flouted the Standing Orders, because the motion to suspend a Member of

Parliament must be moved by a Minister and nobody else!

Secondly, there is no way to review or challenge a perverse, biased or corrupt decision of the Speaker or Deputy Speaker, because such a substantive motion would be 'killed' by the government refusing to give it time for debate. This has happened in the May meeting of Parliament.

The reason why the Barisan Nasional Government had refused to carry out parliamentary reforms is the same reason Dr. Mahathir had blamed the developed countries for not wanting to introduce international democracy - their unpreparedness to share the "levers of power".

The continued decline of Parliament in Malaysia has reached the scandalous stage where the Parliamentary Opposition Leader could be suspended from attending Parliament until the end of the year for trying to make further disclosures about corruption, political and financial scandals in the country while Barisan Nasional MPs could make indecent gestures and obscene signs in front of women MPs, women civil servants, women reporters and large groups of girl students with impunity.

Malaysians must start the process to restore Independence of Judiciary

Another important area for the restoration of democracy in Malaysia is the upholding of the important principle of the rule of law and the independence of the judiciary.

Last Friday, a High Court judge, Mr. Justice Datuk V.C. George, warned people, including society's high and mighty, against interfering into the independence of the judiciary.

He said "routes made through legislations to reduce the status of judges" must be stopped.

He said: "The people should know that they have the right to come to the court and bring before the judgment seat even the mightiest in the land."

He stressed that the survival of the rule of law depended on the judiciary's independence, and urged the Bar to be always vigilant to ensure that judicial independence is not undermined.

The damage to the independence of the judiciary in Malaysia caused by the judiciary crisis of 1988 will take a long time to repair - but this process of repair must begin now.

Malaysians must demand that the various legislative, executive and administrative measures which had been adopted in the last decade to undermine the independence of the judiciary should be repealed, and public confidence in the independence of the judiciary restored. For a start, political interference in the appointment and promotion of judges, which started in the 1980s, should be removed.

Three objectives of the pro-Malaysian democracy movement at national and international levels

These are among the reasons why there is a need for a pro-Malaysian democracy movement, at both national and international levels, which should have three objectives:

1. to campaign for greater democratisation in international relations;
2. to oppose undemocratic actions and violations of human rights in other countries; and
3. to fight for greater democracy, more press freedom, less corruption and more accountability in Malaysia.

PAS Kelantan Mentri Besar, Nik Aziz, should go to

China to learn from the 30 million Muslims in China who do not impose hukum hudud either on themselves or on non-Muslims

One issue which had recently caused great concern among Malaysians is the proposal by the PAS Kelantan State Government to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

DAP is totally opposed to any attempt to undermine the secular Federal Constitution or introduce hukum hudud laws with its penalties of limbs amputation, whipping and stoning on non-Muslim Malaysians.

The PAS Kelantan Mentri Besar, Nik Aziz, is expected to visit China soon, and I call on him to learn from the 30 million Muslims in China who do not impose hukum hudud either on themselves or on non-Muslims.

Nik Aziz should return from China and announce that PAS has no intention whatsoever to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, or PAS would be showing itself as a party which has no respect for the constitutional rights and religious sensitivities of the non-Muslim Malaysians.

DAP calls on all political parties, including the Barisan Nasional component parties, to stop politicking on the hukum hudud issue.

The Barisan Nasional Federal Government for instance had abandoned its 35-year policy to uphold the secular Federal Constitution. When Dr. Mahathir announced in Johore Bahru on April 16 the new Barisan Nasional Federal Government policy not to oppose or prevent PAS from introducing hukum hudud, and even to amend the Federal Constitution to allow PAS to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, the secular Federal Constitution suffered its greatest blow since its promulgation in 1957.

In the last 35 years from August 31, 1957 to April 16, 1992, if any MP had proposed in Parliament to amend the Federal Constitution to undermine the secular guarantee and provision and impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, the Federal Government would mobilise all its MPs, whether in UMNO, MCA, Gerakan, MIC or other component parties, to give 100 per cent opposition to it.

However, after the April 16 Johore Bahru new Federal Government policy announcement, this 100 per cent opposition had been abandoned, and instead Barisan Nasional Federal Government MPs are allowed to vote according to their conscience.

This is a major abandonment of a fundamental constitutional principle of the Barisan Nasional Federal Government, and it is most shocking that political parties like MCA, Gerakan, MIC and others could support the Johore Bahru new Federal Government policy.

PAS with seven MPs do not have the ability to amend the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, as this requires the support of two-third parliamentary majority of at least 120 MPs out of 180 MPs.

However, with the April 16 Johore Bahru new Federal Government policy announcement, there has been a radical change which is most adverse to the secular guarantee and provision in the Federal Constitution - and the Barisan Nasional parties must take full responsibility for they are only interested in politicking on the hukum hudud issue regardless of the harm this could cause to future generations.

Speech by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjong, Lim Kit Siang, at the opening of the DAP Machang Bubok DAP Branch in Machang Bubok, Bukit Mertajam on Saturday, June 20, 1992 at 7 p.m.

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I am now working on the details of the pro-Malaysian democracy world tour with regard to the length of the pro-Malaysian democracy world tour; the countries to be visited; the meetings with foreign governments, the foreign leaders, the Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), and the Malaysian students overseas; the strength of the pro-Malaysian democracy world tour delegation.

This pro-Malaysian democracy world tour is not a holiday, but will involve very hard work.

This will not be the first, nor will it be the last time, that a political leader had embarked on a world tour for political improvements in his own country. Sun Yat Sen and Nelson Mandela had conducted world tours to solicit international support for political changes in their countries, and nobody had ever accused Sun Yat Sen of being disloyal to China or Nelson Mandela of being a traitor to South Africa.

I hope that the MCA and Gerakan leaders like Dr. Ling Liong Sik and Dr. Lim Keng Yaik would not panic that the DAP leaders are planning a pro-Malaysian democracy world tour to fight for greater democracy, more press freedom, less corruption and more accountability in Malaysia.

Keng Yaik should apologise for his earlier statement that it was disloyal for DAP leaders to go on a world pro-Malaysian democracy tour.

Is Keng Yaik suggesting that Sun Yat Sen is a traitor to China or Nelson Mandela a traitor to South Africa?

Keng Yaik should not think that just being a Minister is the automatic proof of one's loyalty or Wang Chin Wei would be regarded as the patriotic son of China instead of the greatest traitor of China as he was Prime Minister of the Japanese puppet government during the Second World War.

We do not want this to be Lim Kit Siang or DAP's pro-Malaysian democracy world tour, but the pro-Malaysian democracy world tour of and for the people of Malaysia

However, we do not want this to be Lim Kit Siang or DAP's pro-Malaysian democracy world tour, but the pro-Malaysian democracy world tour of and for the people of Malaysia.

This is why we are asking the people for support by making financial contributions to the pro-Malaysian democracy world tour, so that we can tell both the Barisan Nasional government and the world that this pro-Malaysian democracy world tour is supported and funded by the people of Malaysia themselves.

The world has a right to know and to be concerned about the relentless erosion of democratic liberties and human rights in Malaysia, as why for instance, the Parliamentary Opposition Leader could be suspended from Parliament until the end

of the year for trying to perform a national service in exposing the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

The world has also a right to know and be concerned about the decline of the role of Parliament in Malaysia and the struggle for restoration of the principle of the Independence of the Judiciary which is a cornerstone of parliamentary democracy.

The fight for the democratic rights of the Parliamentary Opposition Leader is a fight for the democratic rights for all Malaysians

This is why the DAP has launched the nation-wide mass signature campaign demanding the immediate revocation of the suspension of the Parliamentary Opposition Leader from attending Parliament until the end of the year.

The importance of this mass signature campaign goes beyond an individual, for it symbolises the awakening of the people of Malaysia of all races to the systematic erosion of democratic rights particularly in the past six years, and the people's demand for restoration of meaningful democracy in Malaysia.

It is very clear that if the democratic rights of the Parliamentary Opposition Leader could be treated with such contempt, the ordinary citizen in Malaysia cannot expect his democratic rights to be respected by the Government.

The fight for the democratic rights of the Parliamentary Opposition Leader is therefore not a personal individual issue, but symbolises the fight for the democratic rights for all Malaysians.

MAIKA

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Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Petaling Jaya on Tuesday, 19th May 1992:

Tan Sri Rama Iyer has completely destroyed the story of Samy Vellu that MAIKA did not want nine million Telecoms shares because it did not have loan financing proving that it is sheer fabrication by Samy Vellu

The nine million \$120 million MAIKA Telecoms shares hijacking scandal has now become clearer.

The story that has been given by the MIC President, Datuk Samy Vellu to MIC branches in the past few months as well as most recently, that MAIKA Holdings did not want the nine million Telecoms shares allocated to it by the Finance Ministry in September/October 1990 has been proved to be completely untrue, without a shred of truth and sheer fabrication by Samy Vellu.

The MAIKA Board of Directors and its chairman, Tan Sri G. Pasamanickam, had consistently denied that the MAIKA Holdings did not want the nine million Telecoms shares and that they had recommended the 'hijacking' of the nine million shares by three companies, Advance Computer Sdn. Bhd, S.B. Management Sdn. Bhd and Clearway Sdn. Bhd.

Samy Vellu's entire story that MAIKA did not want the nine million Telecom shares hinged on his claim that the then MAIKA Holdings Managing Director, Tan Sri Rama Iyer, had told him (Samy Vellu) that MAIKA Holdings was in too tight a financial position to take up the nine million Telecoms

shares.

However, on last Saturday, Tan Sri Rama Iyer has denied **Samy Vellu's** story, tracing the sequence of events and his telephone call to **Samy Vellu** on Oct. 5, 1990 telling the MIC President "about the offer and the probability of obtaining full loan financing and that **MAIKA** intended to take up the offer."

With Rama Iyer's denial, **Samy Vellu's** story that **MAIKA** did not want the nine million Telecoms shares as it could not find the financing has collapsed totally.

As Samy Vellu's story about **MAIKA** not wanting the nine million Telecoms shares is a total fabrication, all his other explanations about the **MAIKA** shares hijacking scandal also cannot be believed

In Parliament last Thursday, **Samy Vellu** had received information that I was going to accuse him directly and frontally of fabricating the story that **MAIKA Holdings** did not want the nine million Telecoms shares because it did not have loan financing.

It is precisely because **Samy Vellu** was so frightened that his entire story that **MAIKA** did not want the nine million on the ground that it could not raise the financing would have been torn to pieces by me in Parliament last Thursday, that he panicked and went all out to enlist the help of the MCA Deputy Speaker, **Ong Tee Kiat**, to abuse the standing orders and stop me from speaking on the **MAIKA Telecoms** shares hijacking scandal - and even suspend me from Parliament for the rest of the current meeting.

If **Samy Vellu's** story that **MAIKA Holdings** did not want the nine million Telecoms shares because it could not find the loan financing cannot be believed, how can his other explanations about the three companies and donations to **Taffe College** be believed?

I would state that as Samy Vellu's story about MAIKA not wanting the nine million Telecoms shares has proved to be totally a fabrication by Samy Vellu, all his other explanations about MAIKA shares hijacking scandal also cannot be believed.

This is also the reason why Samy Vellu has now declared that he would not entertain any more questions from MIC leaders and members about the nine million MAIKA shares hijacking scandal.

The reason is very simple - Samy Vellu has no answers at all to MIC members and MAIKA shareholders as to the hijacking and defrauding of the 66,000 MAIKA shareholders of the nine million Telecom shares, which is now worth \$120 million - more than the total paid-up capital of MAIKA.

Samy Vellu must be very grateful to Ong Tee Kiat for saving him from being exposed in Parliament last Thursday for fabricating the story that MAIKA did not want the nine million Telecoms shares.

The degeneration and marginalisation of MCA leaders have reached a new low - for they are now so impotent and marginal that they not only serve UMNO leaders, but have also to serve the MIC leaders! This is now the new 'frontier' for MCA leaders in order to survive in Barisan Nasional.

Press Conference Statement by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, at DAP Hqrs in Petaling Jaya on Wednesday, May 20, 1992 at 11.30 a.m.

Call on Samy Vellu to explain when his son PAARI V. SAMYVELLU cease to be Managing Director of Advance Personal Computers Sdn. Bhd.

In his 'Tell All Press Conference' last Friday, MIC President, Datuk Samy Vellu made this statement with regard to the three companies - Advance Personal Computers Sdn. Bhd (APC), S.B. Management Sdn. Bhd. and Clearway Sdn. Bhd. - which had hijacked the nine million Telecoms shares allocated to MAIKA Holdings:

"These companies do not belong to me or to my relatives and I do not have any interest in these companies."

As two of these three companies, S.B. Management Sdn. Bhd. and Clearway Sdn. Bhd. are shell companies with only \$2 in paid up and issued capital, to own these companies is technically only to own \$2 shares.

It is clear that the shareholders of \$2 companies are not the real and key owners, and the question begs answer as to who are the real beneficial owners.

I want to ask Samy Vellu why in his last Friday's press conference, Samy Vellu hide the fact of the position of his son, Paari S. Samyvellu, as the managing director of APC.

I have here a namecard of Paari V. Samyvellu described as 'Managing Director', giving the following addresses and

particulars:

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Australia Office:

PHARM AUSTRALIA PTV. LTD.,
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Vicpark 6100, Western Australia
Tel: 09-4705493 Fax: 09-4705494 Mob: 018-916492

Before the DAP's disclosures of the \$120 million MAIKA Telecoms shares hijacking scandal on April 29, and in particular before the revelation of the identity of the three companies which had hijacked the Telecoms shares, telephone calls to APC received confirmation that PAARI V. SAMYVELLU was the company's managing director.

However, after the Parliamentary disclosures, phone calls to APC will elicit the response that the APC does not have a managing director and that there was no such person as PAARI V. SAMYVELLU in the company, and that they have only a manager.

Samy Vellu should give a full explanation for this name card of PAARI V. SAMYVELLU.

Datuk Samy Vellu should explain when his son PAARI cease to be managing director of APC.

MAIKA Telecoms hijacking scandal as become a very 'sensitive' subject in Parliament

It is very obvious from yesterday's proceedings in Parliament that the \$120 million MAIKA Telecoms shares hijacking scandal has become a very sensitive subject, the reference of which would get all Barisan Nasional MPs very worked up. There can be only one reason: that the BN MPs know that everything that the DAP had said in Parliament on this MAIKA scandal and the betrayal of the trust and rights of the MAIKA shareholders by Samy Vellu are true and indisputable.

If there is absolutely no truth in the statements and allegations made by the DAP in Parliament on the \$120 million MAIKA Telecoms shares hijacking scandal, the Barisan Nasional would have made use of the current Parliamentary meeting to allow a full debate to expose the DAP as telling untruths.

The Barisan Nasional has succeeded in making Parliament as a 'cover up' for the Maika shares hijacking scandal.

The political decision of a MIC CWC endorsement cannot legalise criminal breach of trust in hijacking nine million Telecoms shares from MAIKA

Similarly, Samy Vellu has forced the MIC Central Working Committee yesterday to endorse the hijacking of the nine million Telecoms shares from MAIKA shareholders.

If the entire transaction was honest, honourable and above-board, why didn't Samy Vellu seek the prior approval of the CWC before hijacking the nine million Telecoms shares from

the 66,000 MAIKA shareholders?

The MIC CWC endorsement is a political act, and no amount of MIC CWC endorsement can legalise Samy Vellu's criminal breach of trust of the MAIKA shareholders in hijacking the nine million Telecoms shares and diverting them to three other companies, causing the MAIKA shareholders to lose \$120 million worth of Telecoms shares.

Call for the resignation of Samy Vellu as Minister and his prosecution by Attorney-General for criminal breach of trust in hijacking the nine million Telecoms shares from MAIKA Holdings

Datuk Samy Vellu should resign as Minister for Energy, Posts and Telecoms and I call on the Attorney-General, Tan Sri Abu Talib, to prosecute him for criminal breach of trust in hijacking the nine million Telecoms shares from MAIKA Holdings.

That Samy Vellu had committed criminal breach of trust in the MAIKA shares hijacking scandal has now been made very clear by the following grounds:

Firstly, as announced in Parliament by the Minister for Finance, Anwar Ibrahim, and Deputy Finance Minister, Ghani Othman, the Finance Ministry made a special allocation of ten million Telecoms shares to MAIKA Holdings, as testified by the Ministry's letter of offer for 10 million shares dated 27th September 1990;

Secondly, Samy Vellu used his influence to mislead the Finance Ministry into believing that MAIKA Holdings did not want the nine million Telecom shares purportedly because it had no loan financing, and unilaterally hijacked the nine million shares to three companies known only to himself;

Thirdly, Samy Vellu lied to the Finance Ministry that

MAIKA did not want the nine million Telecom shares and that MAIKA itself recommended their allocation to the three companies - which had been made evident by the statements by the MAIKA Chairman, Tan Sri G. Pasamanickam and the MAIKA managing director, Tan Sri Rama Iyer, at the time of the shares hijacking scandal.

Fourthly, in his 'Tell All Press Conference' last Friday, Samy Vellu said that because of the stipulation in the loan arrangements with C.I.M.B. for the 'forced sale' of the Telecom shares if its price fell below \$7.50 per share on listing, Clearway Sdn. Bhd. sold its three million Telecom shares on 7.11.1990 for \$17.8 million at \$5.95 per share and APC/SB Management Sdn. Bhd sold 5.5 million Telecoms shares for \$32.6 million on 8.11.1990. The net profits from these 'forced sale' of 8.5 million Telecom shares on Nov. 7 and 8, 1990 was \$2,418,003.78.

Samy Vellu said that in March and April 1992, 420,000 Telecom shares were sold making a profit of \$4,750,000 - bringing a total profit of \$7.166 million as at the end of April 1992.

What is shocking however is that in the middle of February, 1992 when Datuk Samy Vellu addressed the MIC Economic Convention in Shah Alam, and again at another MIC meeting in Malacca a week later, Samy Vellu said he had made arrangements with banks to buy up the Telecoms shares on behalf of the community, and that the shares were later sold for a profit of about \$8 million. This was reported in a Star article dated 25th February 1992.

As at February 1992, the profit from the sale of the 8.5 million Telecom shares was only \$2.4 million. Where did Samy Vellu get the \$8 million profit from - as the sale of 420,000 Telecoms shares was not made until in March and April 1992.

This episode destroys the entire veracity of Samy Vellu's account about the sale of the nine million shares and its proceeds being sent to TAFFE COLLEGE, especially as Samy Vellu could not produce bank statements from TAFFE COLLEGE to show that it immediately received the proceeds from the sale of the Telecoms shares.

I would advise Samy Vellu not to resort to communal politics to try to escape public accountability for his role in the MAIKA Telecoms shares hijacking scandal.

He should realise that communalism is always the last refuge of political scoundrels who want to escape public accountability for their abuses of power, breach of trust and betrayal of the rights of the people.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Petaling Jaya on Thursday, May 21, 1992:

Challenge to Samy Vellu and his son Paari Vel to swear at Mariamman Temple in Kuala Lumpur that Paari was never managing director of APC and never distributed calling cards describing himself as APC managing director

MIC President, Datuk Samy Vellu, has denied that his son Paari Vel was the managing director of Advance Personal Computer Sdn. Bhd., one of the three companies which hijacked MAIKA Holdings of its nine million \$120 million Telecoms shares.

Samy Vellu also said that the calling card describing PAARI V. SAMYVELLU which I produced at a press conference yesterday and which described PAARI as managing director of APC, giving his office addresses in Kuala Lumpur, London and Australia was 'fabricated' by his opponents in MIC and MAIKA Holdings.

Samy Vellu said I had been fooled and taken for a ride by his 'opponents' in MIC and MAIKA Holdings who print fake calling cards for PAARI, and that these 'opponents' also print fake letterheads, photographs and so on.

Samy Vellu seems to have many very resourceful 'opponents' in the MIC and MAIKA Holdings. He seems also to have very quick answers to various queries that could be raised in connection with the \$120 million MAIKA shares hijacking scandal - even anticipating new revelations, as the

possible production of letterheads showing PAARI as APC managing director.

To fake calling cards and letterheads of a company, and to fraudulently show PAARI Vel as APC managing director, should be a very serious matter and a criminal offence.

Did Samy Vellu and Paari Vel ever report the faking of calling cards, letterheads, photographs and so on to the police, and if so, when was the police report lodged, where and date.

If Samy Vellu and Paari Vel had never lodged police reports, then his version that these calling cards and letterheads are 'fake' and 'fabricated' by his opponents in MIC and MAIKA immediately becomes suspect!

I challenge Samy Vellu and his son Paari Vel, who had been questioned for five hours by the Anti-Corruption Agency yesterday, to swear at the Mariammam Temple in Kuala Lumpur that Paari was never managing director of APC and that Paari had never distributed calling cards describing himself as APC managing director, with the three office addresses in Kuala Lumpur, London and Australia.

Samy Vellu should explain how Clearway Sdn. Bhd qualify to be one of the 'MIC Bodies'

Samy Vellu had justified the hijacking of the nine million Telecoms shares from MAIKA Holdings on the ground that they had been diverted to other 'MIC Bodies'.

Samy Vellu should explain how Clearway Sdn. Bhd., one of the three companies which hijacked the nine million Telecom shares from MAIKA, qualify to be one of the 'MIC Bodies'.

Clearway Sdn. Bhd. was incorporated on 10th Sept. 1988 with authorised capital of \$25,000. However its issued and

paid up capital is only \$2.

The directors of Clearway Sdn. Bhd are:

1. Tan Kewi Yong
T17-1, Antah Tower, Jalan 3/57C,
1 Off Jalan Kuching, Kuala Lumpur.
2. Chin Yok Meng
No. 11 Jalan Awam Cempaka Satu, Taman O.U.G.,
Kuala Lumpur.
3. Reman a/l Subramaniam
654, Batu 4 1/2, Jalan Genting Kelang, Setapak.
4. Baharudin bin Md. Arip,
T71A, Antah Tower, Jalan 3/57C,
No. 1 Off Jalan Kuching, Kuala Lumpur.

The shareholders are:

1. Reman a/l Subramaniam 1 share
2. Muniandy a/l Sadayen 1 share

Of the four directors of Clearway Sdn. Bhd., two are Chinese, one Malay and one Indian. How does Clearway qualify to be one of the 'MIC Bodies'?

Press Conference Statement by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjong, Lim Kit Siang, in DAP Hqrs in Petaling Jaya on Tuesday, 26th May 1992 at 12 noon

Will Samy Vellu tell the ACA to stay out of the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal on the ground that ACA did not own a single MAIKA Holdings share

MIC President, Datuk Samy Vellu, has asked me to keep out of the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal on the ground that I did not own a single Maika Holdings share and that I had not persuaded Indians to invest in the company when it was launched.

Is Samy Vellu going to tell the Anti-Corruption Agency (ACA) to stay out of the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal on the same ground - that ACA did not own a single MAIKA Holdings share and had not persuaded Indians to invest in the company when it was launched?

It is now clear and evident that Samy Vellu and his son, PAARI VEL SAMY VELLU, dare not accept my challenge to go to the Mariamman Temple in Kuala Lumpur to swear that the calling card that I had produced describing PAARI as managing director of Advanced Personal Computers Sdn. Bhd. (APC) was not genuine.

If PAARI was not involved in any manner with the APC, why did the ACA question him for five hours? Nobody will believe that PAARI needs five hours to convince the ACA that the calling card that I produced was a fake one, produced by Samy Vellu's 'opponents' in MIC and MAIKA.

Samy Vellu said yesterday that he had given 'a full and clear account' of the utilisation of the nine million Telekom shares and how the profits were channelled to the Technical and Further Education College (TAFE).

Samy Vellu had not given such 'a full and clear account' either on the utilisation of the nine million Telekom shares or their channelling to TAFE.

Samy Vellu must produce proof that 8.5 million Telekom shares were sold in November 1990 by the three companies

In fact, Samy Vellu has failed to convince anyone that the 8.5 million Telekom shares were actually sold in November 1990 at its lowest prices since public listing.

Samy Vellu must produce records, documents and receipts to show the exact date, price and volume of each sale of the 8.5 million Telekom shares, and most important of all, to whom, before he expects his story at the 'Tell All Press Conference' on May 15, 1992 to be believed.

Can Samy Vellu explain why he has found it so difficult and impossible to produce such records, documents and receipts?

I have already proved that Samy Vellu had told a lie when he claimed that the three companies were forced to sell the 8.5 million Telekom shares from Nov. 7 - 15, 1990 because the price of Telekom 'went down and down from \$6.00 to \$5.30, so we were panicky', as Telekom never fell below \$5.85 since listing on Nov. 7, 1990.

Samy Vellu has yet to explain why if the local and global share market conditions were so jittery that the three companies had to sell 8.5 million Telekom shares 'in panic', Samy Vellu approved the purchase of three million Renong shares?

The price of Renong in November 1990 was \$1.45, and it has now fallen to 95 sen - causing a loss of \$1.5 million.

Samy Vellu has also raised many doubts about the channelling of the proceeds of the 8.5 million Telekom shares to TAFE.

In his 'Tell All Press Conference', Samy Vellu gave the following accounts for TAFE:

Tafe College Building Account

(A) INCOME (PAYMENTS RECEIVED)

1.	Federal Government	\$8,000,000.00
2.	Donation from MIC Branches and others	300,000.00
3.	Clearway Sdn. Bhd. Contribution	2,318,003.00
4.	Advance Personal Computers/SB Management Contribution	4,850,000.00
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		\$15,468,003.73

(B) EXPENDITURE (CAPITAL COST)

1.	Pre-operating	\$ 2,000,000
2.	Construction	11,120,528
3.	Equipment	9,500,000
4.	Others	1,502,000
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		\$24,662,528

BALANCE CAPITAL COST OUTSTANDING	\$ 9,914,524.27
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TOTAL PAYMENTS MADE \$15,690,808.00

These figures do not constitute a 'full and clear account' as there are so many discrepancies and errors in these figures as to raise serious doubts as to their veracity. These discrepancies and errors include:

1. The total payments received as income by Tafe College Building Account is \$15,468,003.73. This is not the correct total of the four items of Federal government grant, donation from MIC branches, contributions from Clearway Sdn. Bhd., APC and SB Management added together - which gives \$15,468,003.00. Where does the 73 sen come from?
2. The total of \$24,662,528 as Expenditure is also wrong, as adding up the four items of pre-operating, construction, equipment and others gives \$24,112,528. Why is there a difference of \$500,000.
3. Samy Vellu stated that total payments made to date is \$15,690,808. As total income received is only \$15,468,003.73, where did Taffe College get the extra \$222,805 to make the payments.
4. Samy Vellu said that the total expenditures incurred is \$24,662,528, and that total payments made is \$15,690,808, and the balance capital cost outstanding is \$9,914,524.27. But adding the total payments and the balance capital cost outstanding gives a total of \$25,605,332.27. This is again different from the figure of \$24,662,528 given by Samy Vellu, a discrepancy of \$942,804.27.
5. The pre-operating cost of \$2 million is unbelievably high. For those who have visited Tafe College, they also believe that \$9 million for equipment is also on the very high side.

Kolej Tafe Sdn. Bhd. is also a \$2 company

DAP MP for Bukit Bintang, Sdr. Wee Choo Keong, has done a search of Kolej Tafe Sdn. Bhd. at the Registrar of Companies, and has found that Kolej Tafe Sdn. Bhd. is also a \$2 company, with Samy Vellu and Datuk M. Mahalingam, Deputy Human Resources Minister, as the two director/shareholder of \$1 share each.

The particulars of Kolej Tafe Sdn. Bhd. are as follows:

Kolej Tafe Sdn. Bhd.

Address of Registered Office:

Block B, 3rd Floor, Bangunan SPPK,
No. 46, Jalan Dungun, Damansara Heights,
50490 Kuala Lumpur

Principal Business Address:

Lot 5409, Mukim Ampangan, Jalan Sikamat,
74400 Seremban.

Date of Incorporation: 3rd July 1990.

Capital Structure

Authorised: \$12 million

Issued and Paid-Up: \$2

Latest Annual return: 30th June 1991

Object/nature of Business: Educational Institution

Director/Shareholder

Y.B. Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu I/C 3982390 (B)
Minister of Energy, Telecommunications and Post
No. 19, Lengkongan Vethavanam
BT 3 1/2, Jalan Ipoh,
51100 Kuala Lumpur.

Y.B. Dato M Mahalingam I/C 1479720 (B)
Deputy Minister,
No. 2, Jalan Permata 7/1,
Section 7,
40000 Shah Alam.

Secretaries

1. Wong Sook Ping
2. Goh Tau Si

Auditor

Moore Stephens

Samy Vellu must explain why the Kolej Tafe Sdn. Bhd. is also a S2 company.

Trustees of Maju Institute of Educational Development (MIED)

Sdr. Wee Choo Keong has also done a search on the Maju Institute of Educational Development (MIED), which is a company which does not have a share capital and limited by guarantee.

The particulars are:

Maju Institute of Educational Development
Menara Manickavasagam, Tingkat 7,
No. 1, Jalan Rahmat,
50350 Kuala Lumpur

Date of Incorporation: 29/4/1984

Last Annual Return: 29/4/1984

Object/nature of business:

Bagi menganjurkan tujuan-tujuan khairat atau berguna

Trustees:

1. YB Dato Seri S. Samy Vellu

2. YB Dato M. Mahalingam
3. YB Senator Dato S. Subramaniam
I/C 7889119 (B)
No. 26, Jln 16/4, 46350, Petaling Jaya
(Deputy Minister)
4. YB Senator Dato (Dr.) K.S. Nijhar
I/C 3641502 (B)
No.8, Lorong Bukit Pantai 5,
59100 KL
(Businessman)
5. D.P. Vijandran
I/C 8049522 (B)
No. 12, Lorong Kasah Dalam,
Damansara Heights,
50490 KL
(Company Director)
6. Selvendra Rajendran
I/C 2983409 (B)
No. 3, Sion Close Waterford,
Perth, Western Australia 6152
(Director)

Secretary: Goh Tau Si
Auditor: Sivalingam & Co.

When Samy Vellu claimed that monies from the sale of the 8.5 million Telekom shares had been channelled to Tafe College, where did they go - to Kolej Tafe Sdn. Bhd. or to MIED?

I am prepared to attend another meeting of MAIKA shareholders to prove that tens of thousands of them are concerned about the shares hijacking scandal and not 75

to 100 only

I find Samy Vellu's statement about the Sunday meeting of MAIKA shareholders most pathetic.

Samy Vellu said he had sent his people to the Sunday meeting held at the Transport Workers Union Hall in Petaling Jaya and found that out of the 3,000 who attended, only 75 to 100 of them were MAIKA shareholders.

Samy Vellu should realise that his reckless statements are only making the 66,000 MAIKA shareholders more angry and outraged at his irresponsible attitude.

I am prepared to attend another meeting of MAIKA shareholders to prove that tens of thousands of them are concerned about the MAIKA shares hijacking scandal, and not 75 to 100 of them only.

Police discovery backs DAP theory that the MAIKA burglary is an inside job

Police discovery that the intruders who broke into MAiKA Holdings office in Jalan Rahmat in Kuala Lumpur on Sunday morning had planned the burglary in advance backs DAP theory that the MAIKA burglary was an inside job.

Police has found that the burglars knew the layout of the building and what they were looking for. They also had the necessary tools to force their way into the office and break open the cabinets.

Dang Wangi OCPD Supt. Wan Mohamad Wan Dollah said yesterday: "The burglars spent more than an hour going through the files in four offices on the third, fourth, fifth and seventh floors of the Malaysian Indian Congress building.

"We believe they were familiar with the building layout as

they only ransacked the cabinets belonging to Maika Holdings and its subsidiaries."

The police are surprised that the burglars left the files of other companies untouched. The intruders also knew that there was a consignment of rubber gloves kept in the building and used them to avoid leaving any fingerprints.

In this connection, it is noteworthy the the MIC security guard Rajendra said there were five burglars, but in the statements by MIC leaders such as Samy Vellu, MIC Secretary General Vadiveloo and Selangor MIC Treasurer T.M.Thurai, they mentioned four intruders.

What is the cause of this discrepancy?

Press Comments by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjong, Lim Kit Siang, at a Press Conference in PJ on Friday, May 29, 1992 at 11.30 a.m.

Samy Vellu is not so friendless, when he has such good friends like Ong Tee Kiat who is prepared to suspend the Parliamentary Opposition Leader to suppress the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal and Ibrahim Ali who made obscene gestures publicly to protect his good name

Datuk Samy Vellu complained yesterday that he had so many enemies, and he even accused the Negri Sembilan Education Department of providing me and the DAP with ammunition to tarnish his image and that of TAFE, because the department revealed that TAFE had operated without a permit and violated the Education Act 1961 in employing a foreigner as principal.

I am amazed that I have so many friends, and according to Samy Vellu, all these friends of mine are to be found in government departments, the Anti-Corruption Agency, the police, even in top MIC leaderships circles and MAIKA Holdings.

I thank all these 'friends' whom Samy Vellu accuse are his enemies.

Actually, Samy Vellu is not so friendless.

He has for instance a friend in the MCA Secretary-General and Housing Minister, Dr. Ting Chew Peh, who is prepared to sacrifice his intellectual integrity and public reputation to

tell lies accusing DAP MPs of being 'ruffians' just to come to his help.

He has a friend in Ong Tee Kiat who is prepared to violate the Standing Orders ten times last Tuesday, publicly expose his bias, prejudice and immaturity to suspend the Parliamentary Opposition Leader from Parliament till the end of the year to help suppress the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

Samy Vellu had a secret conference with Ibrahim Ali before his 'Tell All Press Conference' in his Ministry office on May 15

Last Tuesday, for instance, Ong Tee Kiat could have reconvened after the 15-minute adjournment he had announced. He refused because if he had reconvened in 15 minutes, he could not get me suspended from Parliament till the end of the year.

This was because when the House reconvened, I was no more in the House, as I left Parliament about five minutes after the adjournment - and Ong Tee Kiat knew it. Furthermore, there would be no Ministers to move the improper and illegal motion under S.O. 44(6) to suspend me till the end of the year for they had not arrived in Parliament despite his 'SOS' to Ting Chew Peh and Syed Hamid Albar.

He has also a friend in Ibrahim Ali, the MP for Pasir Pas, who publicly and repeatedly made obscene gestures just to protect Samy Vellu's good name. Samy Vellu would not deny that just before his 'Tell All Press Conference' at his Ministry on May 15, he had a secret conference with Ibrahim Ali.

Was the decision that Ibrahim Ali would come to the defence of Samy Vellu's good name in the Dewan Rakyat by making obscene gestures when the MAIKA scandal was brought up by the DAP made at this secret conference?

Samy Vellu said that DAP MP for Puchong, V. David, had sought his help to get 500,000 TEN shares for the Workers' Institute of Technology (WIT).

V. David has denied asking Samy Vellu for TEN shares. David said that he had met Samy Vellu twice to get the Minister to invest in the WIT with the funds from the Maju Institute of Educational Development (MIED).

With the so many lies and falsehoods which Samy Vellu has told about the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal, Samy Vellu has lost all credibility.

In any event, there would have been nothing wrong even if David had approached the Minister for Energy, Telekom and Posts for his help in getting 500,000 TEN shares for WIT. It would be wrong if David had approached Samy Vellu for TEN shares for himself - which Samy Vellu had not alleged.

Samy Vellu also has a friend in Syed Hamid Albar who was prepared to drop all his Ministerial engagements last Tuesday to rush to Parliament to move the motion to suspend me from Parliament till the end of the year.

Syed Hamid Albar even said yesterday that Parliament would be amending the Standing Orders in a wide-ranging fashion.

Syed Hamid should read my parliamentary speeches in the 1970s and 1980s, and he would have found that I had been calling for Parliamentary reforms and changes to the Standing Orders to make Malaysian parliamentary democracy more meaningful even before he was old enough to know what was democracy or politics.

However, Syed Hamid is probably thinking of how to make the Standing Orders more undemocratic, oppressive and draconian rather than making Parliament more meaningful as

the highest legislative and deliberative chamber of the country.

If the Barisan Nasional government wants to introduce parliamentary reforms and make the Malaysian Parliament more democratic and meaningful, the DAP MPs will give full co-operation.

But if what the Barisan Nasional wants is to allow the Standing Orders to become more undemocratic, oppressive and draconian, as to allow the suspension of the Parliamentary Opposition Leader and Opposition MPs with manifest bias, prejudice and immaturity, and to allow Barisan Nasional MPs to show indecent gestures, and to suppress the disclosure of financial and political scandals involving Barisan Nasional Ministers and leaders, the DAP cannot give support.

Press Comments by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjong, Lim Kit Siang, at a Press Conference in Johore Bahru on Saturday, 30th May 1992 at 11 am

I am surprised Samy Vellu challenged me to sue him when I have been waiting for Samy Vellu to sue or threaten to sue me for my numerous allegations against him in connection with the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal

The MIC President, Datuk Samy Vellu, never ceases to create new surprises. Out of nowhere, he challenged me yesterday to sue him when I - and I am sure all Malaysians - have been waiting for Samy Vellu to sue or threaten to sue me for my numerous allegations made against him in connection with the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

Samy Vellu called me 'politically mad' and a 'fool' and challenged me to sue him.

Whether I am 'politically mad' or not depends on whether the person who makes such a statement is sane or not, because a mad person will regard himself as the only sane person in the world, while he regards all sane persons as 'mad'.

As for Samy Vellu's description of me as a 'fool', I tend to agree. This is because only 'fools' will do what DAP leaders are doing, standing up for the rights of the people, exposing financial and political scandals, getting suspended from Parliament, and even being detained under the Internal Security Act, while 'clever' people don't do any of these things but concentrate on abusing their political positions to

make money.

May be, Malaysia will be healthier if there are more such 'fools' like the DAP leaders than to have so many 'clever' people like Barisan Nasional leaders.

Samy Vellu's 'cleverness' is shown by his argument that TAFE has permission from Education Ministry to operate

Samy Vellu's 'cleverness' is shown by his argument that TAFE has permission from the Education Ministry to operate, when it is clear that no such permit from the Education Department had ever been issued.

Samy Vellu said yesterday that the Education Ministry had approved TAFE College in a letter dated Feb. 26, 1990.

In actual fact, there was no such Education Ministry approval because the letter quoted by Samy Vellu, sent by the Ministry's Registration of Schools and Teachers Division, said that in principle, the Ministry had no objection to the college conducting semi-professional and pre-apprenticeship courses as well as courses in general studies on the condition that the school authorities abide by the conditions of registration as specified under the Education Act 1961.

TAFE College had not complied with such conditions

If everybody in the country follow Samy Vellu's 'cleverness', then there is no need for anyone to wait for full and final government approval before they embark on any activities, and there would be chaos in the country.

In the case of TAFE College, it had in fact been operating since 1985, i.e. without a permit for seven years.

It is clear that to 'clever' people like Samy Vellu, the ordinary laws of the land do not apply to them. To these

'clever' people, laws are only meant for 'fools'.

TENAGA Board of Directors should declare how many thousands of successful applicants were allotted TEN shares but were withdrawn from them at the last minute

DAP calls on the Board of Directors of TEN to declare how many thousands of successful applicants were allotted TEN shares but were withdrawn from them at the last minute.

All these successful applicants whose application forms were minuted with successful allotment particulars are entitled to full and satisfactory explanation from the TEN Board of Directors as to why their allotment were withdrawn at the last minute.

With the closing price of TEN at \$8.50 per share, every such successful applicant for 1,000 shares would have lost \$4,000 when their allotment was withdrawn from them at the last minute.

I will be seeking a meeting with the TEN Board of Directors to demand a full and satisfactory explanation on this latest scandal arising from the privatisation of government utilities and the public issue of shares.

If the TEN Board of Directors fail to give a satisfactory explanation, I will then seek a meeting with the Finance Minister, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, to seek justice and redress for the successful shareholders who were cheated of their allotment at the last minute.

Press Conference Statement by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjong, Lim Kit Siang at DAP Hqrs in Petaling Jaya on Monday, 1st June 1992 at 12 noon

Madhavan Nair will move two motions in the next Selangor State Assembly, one to expel MIC Seri Cahaya Assemblyman, S. Sivalingam, for his thuggery and gangsterism in beating up MAIKA shareholders, and another to censure T.M.Thurai and Sellathevan for their thuggish behaviour yesterday

DAP deplore the disruption of the meeting of MAIKA shareholders at the Dewan Thiruvalluvar in Port Klang by about 100 MIC trouble-makers led by Selangor MIC leaders like Selangor State Executive Councillor, Datuk T. M. Thurai, MIC Seri Cahaya Assemblyman, S. Sivalingam, MIC Dengkil Assemblyman, S. Sellathevan and Senator Krishnan.

This disgraceful episode had again highlighted the propensity of the MIC leadership to resort to gangsterism, thuggery and violence to cow dissent and protest by ordinary Indians who are seeking justice and redress in the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

The message the MIC leadership led by its President, Datuk Samy Vellu, wants to convey to the 66,000 MAIKA shareholders is that they have only the right to be swindled in the MAIKA shares hijacking scandal, but no right to seek justice or redress. In fact, they don't even have the right to peacefully protest and picket, as shown by the assault and violence of MAIKA shareholders peacefully picketing outside the MAIKA Holdings headquarters in Kuala Lumpur on May 13.

It is no wonder that many MAIKA shareholders have told me that they dare not attend the MAIKA annual general meeting fixed for later this month, because they fear for their personal safety if they speak up at the AGM to raise the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal - as it would not be surprising for gangsters to be loosed on these shareholders either at the AGM or after.

It is precisely because the police has not taken any action to charge and prosecute the thugs and goons, like MIC Assemblyman Sivalingam, who had assaulted the MAIKA shareholders outside MAIKA Hqrs on May 13 like that the MIC leaders had been emboldened to openly disrupt a meeting of MAIKA shareholders to seek justice and redress.

I will be writing a strong letter of protest to the Inspector-General of Police, Tan Sri Haniff Omar, for the failure of the police to charge Sivalingam and others who assaulted the MAIKA shareholders on May 13, and allowing the MIC leaders to create a reign of fear and terror among MAIKA shareholders.

The Indians in Malaysia as well as all citizens in the country are entitled to ask whether we are in 1992, where even the lowliest citizen has democratic rights, or whether we are back to the days of the maharajas in India, where might is right!

Datuk Samy Vellu should be utterly ashamed of the MIC Selangor leaders and their 100 MIC trouble makers in disrupting the Port Klang meeting of MAIKA shareholders last night.

Yes, Samy Vellu has succeeded in disrupting the meeting of MAIKA shareholders last night. But he has also advertised the fact that he is very afraid of the MAIKA shareholders banding together to seek justice and redress for the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

I cannot seek justice and redress for the 66,000 MAIKA shareholders if they are cowed and terrorised by the gangsterism and thuggism of the MIC leaders. I can only help the MAIKA shareholders to seek justice and redress, if the shareholders come forward and be in the forefront to fight for their own rights.

At the next Selangor State Assembly meeting, the DAP Assemblyman for Damansara Utama, Sdr. Madhavan Nair, will move a motion to expel the MIC Seri Cahaya Assemblyman, S. Sivalingam, for his gangsterism and thuggism in leading an attack on the MAIKA shareholders peacefully picketing outside MIC Hqrs on May 13.

There will be another motion to censure State Exco, Datuk T. M. Thurai and State Assemblyman for Dengkil, S. Selathevan for their thuggish and gangsterish behaviour at the Dewan Thiruvalluvar in Port Klang last night.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Petaling Jaya on Wednesday, 3rd June 1992:

G. Vadiveloo should step down as Senate President if he wants to get into the fray on the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal

It is most shocking that the Senate President and MIC Secretary-General, Datuk G. Vadiveloo, could deny the MIC's responsibility for the disruption of the meeting of MAIKA shareholders in Port Klang on Sunday.

Vadiveloo attempted to make a distinction by claiming that the over 100 MIC trouble-makers who disrupted the meeting at Dewan Thiruvalluvar in Port Klang was purely coincidental as they were MAIKA shareholders.

His attempt is really ridiculous for he wants the people to believe that the over 100 MIC trouble-makers in Port Klang last Sunday were not led by Selangor MIC leaders like Selangor State Executive Councilor, Datuk T.M. Thurai, MIC Seri Cahaya Assemblyman, S. Sivalingam, MIC Dengkil Assemblyman S. Seelathevan and Senator Krishnan but in their private individual capacities.

Will Vadiveloo next claim that when Datuk T. M. Thurai led the disruption of the Port Klang meeting, he was not acting as a Datuk?

I find Vadiveloo's likening of the disruption of the Port Klang meeting to the demonstration by MAIKA shareholders

outside the MAIKA Hqrs on May 13 ` which turned violent' most shocking.

Vadiveloo is being very dishonest as well as showing that he has no notion of justice, fair play and political morality.

Vadiveloo knew very well that the MAIKA shareholders who picketed peacefully outside MAIKA Hqrs on May 13 were assaulted by MIC goons and thugs led by MIC Selangor Assemblyman, Sivalingam.

As Secretary-General of MIC, had Vadiveloo ever condemned or warned MIC elected representatives and leaders not to resort to gangsterism and violence. Did he sent a letter to S. Sivalingam to ask him to show cause why he should not be sacked as a MIC member, for dishonouring his Selangor Assemblyman status by open gangsterism?

By his silence, Vadiveloo is condoning and encouraging the use of gangsterish tactics to cow and terrorise the MAIKA shareholders into submission to the malpractices and wrongdoings as exposed by the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

The MAIKA shareholders should petition the Sultan of Selangor to remove the Datukship of T.M. Thurai for his conduct which disgraced and dishonoured the State award

Let me tell Vadiveloo that he should first step down as Senate President if he wants to get into the fray of the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

The over a thousand genuine MAIKA shareholders who wanted to attend the Port Klang meeting last Sunday saw with their own eyes the gangsterish behaviour of the Selangor MIC leaders.

In fact, these MAIKA shareholders should start a petition to the Sultan of Selangor to remove the Datukship of T. M. Thurai, for his conduct last Sunday had dishonoured the state honour of Datukship which the Sultan had conferred on him.

MIC leaders should stop behaving like the Zaminders of the past in India

Vadiveloo questioned the involvement of Sdr. P. Patto and myself in the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

MIC leaders should stop behaving like the Zaminders of the past in India, denying the MAIKA shareholders redress inside while challenging their right to seek justice outside MAIKA.

Vadiveloo said Patto and I are both non-shareholders and have no 'locus standi' at meetings of MAIKA shareholders.

Vadiveloo cannot be more wrong. Patto and I have both 'locus standi' in the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

Our 'locus standi' had been established as old as human life and history itself, the right of every human being to help another against injustice, exploitation and oppression.

Only Zaminders deny such 'locus standi'.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Petaling Jaya on Monday, June 8, 1992:

Samy Vellu is using Mahathir's name to stifle ACA investigations and suppress discontent in MIC and MAIKA Holdings

MIC President, Datuk Samy Vellu, said that he had briefed the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, on the Telekom Malaysia shares issue before he left for a holiday in Europe.

Samy Vellu told a MIC rally in Shah Alam yesterday: "I showed him all the accounts. He is satisfied."

Samy Vellu said that "the day after Vijandran's famous press statement, the Prime Minister called me to his office. Dr. Mahathir asked what was happening and I said every sen had been put into TAFE college."

It is clear that Samy Vellu is using Mahathir's name to frighten the ACA and stifle ACA investigations into the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal as well as to suppress discontent in MIC and MAIKA Holdings.

Like all the claims by Samy Vellu in the entire sordid \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal, this latest claim of his does not stand the test of scrutiny.

Vijandaran 'famous press statement' was issued on 12th April 1992, and Dr. Mahathir did not go on his European holiday tour until May 10 - a gap of nearly one month. How could Samy Vellu therefore claim that after Vijandran's press

statement on 12th April, Dr. Mahathir immediately called him up for an explanation - before he left for holiday in Europe, which was not until May 10?

Clearly, Samy Vellu had mistaken Mahathir's visit to Vietnam in April with the Prime Minister's holiday in Europe in May.

What is most significant is that when Dr. Mahathir returned from his holiday trip to Europe, he was asked by the press about the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal. Dr. Mahathir said he was not sure about the details.

How could Samy Vellu now claim that he had shown Dr. Mahathir all the accounts and that the Prime Minister was satisfied, suggesting that Dr. Mahathir had pronounced Samy Vellu clean and not guilty of any wrongdoing in the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

I cannot think of a more blatant example by a political leader in government to use the name of the Prime Minister to frighten off the ACA and stifle ACA investigations, as well as suppress grievances and discontent in the MIC and MAIKA Holdings.

Would Samy Vellu co-operate freely and willingly when summoned by ACA for interrogation?

In order to camouflage his use of Mahathir's name to frighten ACA officers and to stifle ACA investigations, Samy Vellu also declared yesterday that he wants the ACA to carry out a thorough investigation and that he had directed everyone to co-operate with the ACA in the investigations.

Samy Vellu had not said whether he would personally co-operate with the ACA in its investigations, and that when summoned by the ACA, he would freely and willingly go to

the ACA to be interrogated without using the name of Dr. Mahathir to frighten the ACA officers and to stifle ACA investigations.

Samy Vellu has in fact confirmed that his son, Paari Vel, was managing director of APC - one of the three companies which hijacked the nine million Telekom shares from MAIKA

In his speech at Shah Alam yesterday, Samy Vellu had in fact confirmed that his son Paari Vel was managing director of Advanced Personal Computers Sdn. Bhd. - one of the three companies which hijacked the nine million Telekom shares from MAIKA.

According to the New Straits Times report today, Datuk Samy Vellu said:

"When I was in the United States recently for a medical check-up, my son called me to say that the ACA had gone to the office of Advance Personal Computer and wanted to check all the files.

"I told him to give them whatever they wanted. After all, there is nothing to hide."

This is total contradiction to the claim by Samy Vellu on 20th May 1992 that his son, Paari Vel, had no interest in the APC when I had produced a calling card describing Paari Vel as managing director of APC.

If Paari Vel was not managing director of APC, why should he ring up Samy Vellu about the ACA trip to APC, or why should Samy Vellu 'authorise' Paari Vel to give the ACA whatever it wanted from APC?

With this inadvertent admission that his son Paari Vel played a key role in the APC, Samy Vellu should stop talking

about a fictitious plot of his enemies in MIC and MAIKA Holdings to print fake calling cards and APC letterheads to show his son as managing director.

Paari Vel was managing director of APC until the MAIKA Telekom share hijacking scandal blew up, and since then, APC had been telling everyone that it never had a managing director and that Paari Vel had nothing to do with the company.

Now that Samy Vellu had himself `blown' this story, let him come out clean and explain the role of his son Paari Vel in the APC!

Samy Vellu made a very important revelation yesterday. He said that the Cabinet had discussed the allocation of 10 million Telekom shares for the Indian community "several times" - implying that all the Cabinet Ministers were informed more than once that MAIKA would get only one million Telekom shares while the other nine million Telekom shares would be diverted to three companies.

Samy Vellu has now implicated the Cabinet in the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal

By making this statement, Samy Vellu has now implicated the Cabinet in the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal. The most mysterious question is why no other Cabinet Minister seem to be aware of the hijacking of the nine million Telekom shares until the matter was raised and pursued by the DAP in Parliament recently.

If the issue of the ten million Telekom shares had been discussed in Cabinet `several times', then why did the Finance Minister, Anwar Ibrahim, mislead Parliament when he told MPs that MAIKA Holdings rejected the nine million Telekom shares because of financial constraints and recommended their allocation to three companies - which have now been proved

to be totally untrue?

As Samy Vellu said that the issue of the 10 million Telekom shares to the Indian community had been 'discussed several times' in the Cabinet, all Cabinet Ministers are now implicated in the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

The 66,000 MAIKA shareholders, the Indian community and the Malaysian people have a right to demand that all the Cabinet Ministers from UMNO, MCA, Gerakan and other component Barisan Nasional parties explain their role in the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Petaling Jaya on Tuesday, 8th June 1992:

Call on Dr. Mahathir to give a public assurance that the ACA would be free to investigate and prosecute any person, including a Cabinet Minister, in connection with the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal without any political interference and without having to get any 'green light' from the Prime Minister

The claim by the MIC President, Datuk Samy Vellu on Sunday that he had briefed the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, on the Telekom shares issue before he left for a holiday in Europe and that Dr. Mahathir was 'satisfied' had not been confirmed by the Prime Minister himself.

When asked by reporters on Samy Vellu's claim, Dr. Mahathir said: "I cannot comment on newspaper reports ... I have to find out from him what he said.

"I met him many times but I am not sure what he is referring to. I meet many people and cannot remember everything that was discussed.

"He (Samy Vellu) can explain when we have our Cabinet meeting when I return from Rio de Janeiro."

Nine reasons why Samy Vellu's claim that Mahathir

was 'satisfied' with his explanations and accounts in early April cannot be true

The refusal by Dr. Mahathir to confirm and endorse Samy Vellu's claim at the MIC rally at Shah Alam on Sunday meant the following:

Firstly, there is no truth in Samy Vellu's claim that immediately after the 'Vijandran's famous press statement' on April 11, 1992, Dr. Mahathir called him to his office before the Prime Minister left for a holiday in Europe and asked what was happening and Samy Vellu said every sen had been put into TAFE College. Secondly, there is also no truth in Samy Vellu's claim that he had shown Dr. Mahathir all the accounts and that Dr. Mahathir was satisfied.

There are at least nine reasons why Samy Vellu's claim that Mahathir was 'satisfied' with his explanations and accounts in early April in connection with the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal cannot be true. They are:

- (i) Dr. Mahathir did not go on a holiday to Europe until May 10;
- (ii) Dr. Mahathir could not possibly have read D.P. Vijandran's 'famous statement' on April 11 as it appeared in the Tamil press. In this statement, Vijandran, who is still a MAIKA director, expressed 'shock and surprise' at the explanation given by Samy Vellu in Tamil Nesan on April 5 that that MAIKA took up only one million Telekom shares because it faced cash-flow problems. Vijandran said those involved must explain how and why the balance of the nine million Telekom shares were not subscribed. Vijandran said the people must know the whole truth about who made the decisions, how, why and whether the MAIKA board was involved in it.

- (iii) If Dr. Mahathir had called in Samy Vellu for an explanation after reading Vijandran's 'famous statement', he would have remembered it and would have confirmed to the press yesterday. After all, it is not every day that the Prime Minister calls in a Cabinet Minister to explain about allegations in connection with a shares hijacking scandal.
- (iv) Similarly, Dr. Mahathir must have retained a vivid memory of his summons of Samy Vellu, if he had been shown and studied all the accounts in connection with the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal - documents to justify the hijacking of the nine million Telekom shares from MAIKA to three companies; the sale of the 8.92 million Telekom shares by the three companies at the lowest price of Telekom during its first week of public listing in November 1990; the acquisition of three million Renong shares; and the channelling of the proceeds from the sale of the 8.92 million Telekom shares to TAFE College. Samy Vellu said Dr. Mahathir was satisfied after he was shown all the accounts. If this was true, there is no way Dr. Mahathir cannot remember it, as he must have spent many hours over these accounts and documents. But when asked by the press yesterday about Samy Vellu's statement, Dr. Mahathir could not recall such an episode at all!

Mahathir would have usurped the function and powers of ACA if he had declared that he was 'satisfied' with Samy Vellu's role in the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal

- (v) It is just unbelievable that the Prime Minister would call in Datuk Samy Vellu and studied the accounts of the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal and declare that he was 'satisfied'. For Dr. Mahathir to do so would be to usurp the role, functions

and powers of the Anti-Corruption Agency and other law-enforcement agencies. Is Samy Vellu suggesting that Dr. Mahathir would undermine and subvert the ACA and other law-enforcement agencies on his behalf?

- (vi) If Dr. Mahathir had been satisfied with all the explanations and the accounts presented by Samy Vellu, it would be totally out of character of the Prime Minister not to say so publicly. However, up to now, Dr. Mahathir had refused to make such a statement.
- (vii) If Samy Vellu's claim is true, then Dr. Mahathir would have told an untruth when in London on 13th May 1992 to begin his holiday in Europe, he said that he could not interfere in the decision made by Samy Vellu to decline on behalf of MAIKA Holdings the 10 million Telekom shares.

Mahathir said Indians who were unhappy with the decision should take up the matter with the MIC leadership.

He said: "I cannot interfere in this matter because I also don't want non-bumiputeras to question how we distribute the shares among our community."

- (viii) If it was true that Dr. Mahathir had been 'satisfied' with all the accounts and explanations given by Samy Vellu immediately after the Vijandran statement in early April, the MIC President would not have waited for about two months to publicise it. Knowing Samy Vellu, he would have trumpeted this information inside and outside Parliament on the very day that I first raised the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal in Parliament on April 29, 1992.
- (ix) If Dr. Mahathir had been 'satisfied' with Samy Vellu's

explanations and accounts in early April, then there would be no need for Samy Vellu to explain to the Cabinet after the Prime Minister had returned from the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. The fact that Mahathir requires Samy Vellu to explain to the Cabinet after his Rio trip is the best proof that there is no basis or truth in Samy Vellu's claim that Dr. Mahathir had studied the accounts and was 'satisfied' about the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

It is clear that pressures are being put on the ACA in connection with its investigations into the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

DAP calls on Dr. Mahathir to give a public assurance that the ACA would be free to investigate and prosecute anyone, including a Cabinet Minister, in connection with the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal without any political interference and without having to get any 'green light' from the Prime Minister.

Speech by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, at the DAP ceramah on the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal at Ipoh Cultural Hall, Connolly Rd, Ipoh on Tuesday, 9th June 1992 at 8 pm

Challenge to Samy Vellu to state the date, time and length of meeting when he was summoned by Mahathir to explain the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal and when he showed the Prime Minister 'all the accounts'

Nobody in the country believes the stories and explanations of the MIC President, Datuk Samy Vellu, in connection with the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal, except the MIC leaders and members who depend on Samy Vellu for their positions and promotions in the party, organisation connected with the party and in government - i.e. those whom Samy Vellu exercised the powers of 'life and death'.

This is why there was the strange and extraordinary spectacle of the MIC Central Working Committee unanimously endorsing all actions of Samy Vellu with regard to the 10 million Telekom shares issue after a three-hour meeting on 19th May 1992, although none of them knew of these actions beforehand.

Earlier, these MIC CWC members had been demanding a full and public accounting of the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

CWC member, Datuk Dr. K. S. Nijhar, for instance issued a statement on 12th May 1992 describing the hijacking of the

nine million Telekom shares from MAIKA as "unpardonable" and demanding the resignation of those responsible.

Now that it has been established beyond a shadow of doubt that it was Samy Vellu who had hijacked the nine million Telekom shares from MAIKA to three mysterious companies - two of which are mere \$2 companies - Dr. Nijhar had stopped calling for anyone's resignation and had instead done a somersault and given Samy Vellu full endorsement for the hijacking of the nine million Telekom shares!

The same thing applies to another CWC member, Tan Sri G. Pasamanickam who, as MAIKA Board Chairman, declared after a meeting of the Board of Directors on 13th May 1992, that the Board had never rejected 10 million Telekom shares offered to it by the Government.

However, at the MIC CWC meeting, Pasamanickam seconded the motion to give full endorsement to all actions of Samy Vellu with regard to the 10 million Telekom shares - which means full endorsement for the hijacking of nine million Telekom shares from MAIKA!

Is Tan Sri Pasamanickam moving a motion at the MAIKA AGM asking the 66,000 MAIKA shareholders to endorse the hijacking of the nine million \$120 million Telekom shares to the three mysterious companies?

Has Pasamanickam the mandate of the MAIKA Board of Directors to endorse the hijacking of the nine million Telekom shares from MAIKA to the three mysterious companies? Or is Pasamanickam playing a dual role - opposing the shares hijacking as MAIKA Chairman while endorsing the shares hijacking as MIC CWC member?

Is Pasamanickam going to propose a resolution at the MAIKA annual general meeting which must be held by June 30 asking the 66,000 shareholders to endorse the hijacking of

the nine million \$120 million Telekom shares from MAIKA by the three mysterious companies?

Pasamanickam is organising thousands of MIC members from all the MIC branches in Johore to burn my effigy in Muar on Thursday for exposing the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

If Samy Vellu, Pasamanickam and others in the MIC think that by burning my effigy, I would be frightened and cowed into silence, they cannot be more mistaken. The net result would be to make DAP leaders and myself more determined to expose these financial scandals, to articulate the sufferings and hardships of the 66,000 MAIKA shareholders who had been betrayed by leaders who had once claimed to be their champions, and to fight for justice and redress.

This is the sixth week since the DAP exposed the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares financial scandal in Parliament on April 29, 1992 and Malaysians have an opportunity to see the many ramifications of the scandal, to the extent that the Parliamentary Opposition Leader had been suspended from Parliament until the end of the year.

Samy Vellu is trying to suppress the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal, first by using Parliament to suspend the Parliamentary Opposition Leader until the end of the year, and now using the Prime Minister's name to suppress ACA investigations

Samy Vellu had used all sorts of manoeuvres to suppress the MAIKA shares hijacking scandal, such as using Parliament to suspend the Parliamentary Opposition Leader until the end of the year.

Now, Samy Vellu is using the name of the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, to suppress investigations by the Anti-Corruption Agency and stifle discontent inside

MIC and MAIKA Holdings.

Samy Vellu said at a MIC rally in Shah Alam on Sunday that he had briefed the Prime Minister on the Telekom shares issue immediately after Vijandran's 'famous press statement' on April 11 before Dr. Mahathir left for a holiday in Europe. Samy Vellu said he showed Dr. Mahathir all the accounts and the Prime Minister was satisfied.

The Prime Minister, however, had refused to confirm that he had called up Samy Vellu, or had seen 'all the accounts' and had been 'satisfied' as claimed by Samy Vellu.

In fact, there is doubt nation-wide whether Mahathir had ever summoned Samy Vellu to discuss the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal at all, let alone seen 'all the accounts' and then declared that he was 'satisfied'.

I challenge Samy Vellu to name the date and time that he was summoned by Dr. Mahathir to explain the MAIKA shares hijacking scandal after the 'famous Vijandran press statement', when he showed Dr. Mahathir 'all the accounts', and how long the Prime Minister took to go through 'all the accounts' before he pronounced that he was 'satisfied'.

If Samy Vellu cannot make public the date, time and length of meeting when he was summoned by Dr. Mahathir and when he showed him 'all the accounts', then this is only the latest of a long catalogue of lies which Samy Vellu had told since the DAP exposed the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal six weeks ago.

Three important aspects which Samy had failed to convince MAIKA shareholders

Samy Vellu has failed to convince MAIKA shareholders in three important aspects:

Firstly, that 8.92 million Telekom shares were actually sold in the open market by the three companies, Advance Personal Computers Sdn. Bhd., S.B. Management Sdn. Bhd. and Clearway Sdn. Bhd. from Nov. 7 - 15, 1990;

Secondly, the proceeds of the sale of the 8.92 million Telekom shares were all channelled to Tafe College; and

Thirdly, that he and his family members, like his son Vel Paari, have no interest whatsoever in the three companies which hijacked the nine million Telekom shares from MAIKA Holdings.

Fight for public accountability over MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal part of the fight for greater democracy in Malaysia

The fight for public accountability over MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal is part of the fight of ordinary Malaysians for greater democracy in Malaysia.

When Parliament could be used to suppress the fight for greater public accountability over financial scandals involving political leaders like the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal, as the suspension of the Parliamentary Opposition Leader until the end of the year, it is clear that the undemocratic forces are having an upper hand in Parliament.

This is why I am considering a pro-Malaysian democracy world tour to campaign at the international level, especially among the 80,000 Malaysian students overseas, for more democracy, greater press freedom, higher standards of public accountability and lesser political and financial scandals.

This will not be a trip for my own behalf, but on behalf of the Malaysian people in the unending struggle for greater democracy and justice in the country. For this reason, I am leaving it to the Malaysian people to decide whether and how

long I should go on this world pro-Malaysian democracy tour, the number of countries and cities to be visited as well as the number of members on this pro-Malaysian democracy world tour mission, based on the public donations and contributions to support and finance this world tour.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Petaling Jaya on Thursday, 11th June 1992:

I will submit a memorandum to the Cabinet on the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal before Samy Vellu is summoned to explain his role to the Cabinet

Before the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, left for Rio de Janeiro, he directed the MIC President and Minister for Energy, Posts and Telecoms, Datuk Samy Vellu, to explain the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal to the Cabinet on his return from the Earth Summit.

Datuk Mahathir left for London en route to Rio de Janeiro by the MH2 flight at 11.55 p.m. on Tuesday night. He will address the Summit on June 13, and is scheduled to return home on June 18.

As the Cabinet meets every Wednesday, this means that Samy Vellu would be required to explain his role in the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal at the Cabinet meeting of June 24 - which is the first Cabinet meeting Dr. Mahathir could attend on his return from Rio de Janeiro.

I will submit a memorandum to the Cabinet on the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal before Samy Vellu is summoned to explain the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal to the Cabinet on June 24.

Samy Vellu's claim at the MIC rally at Shah Alam last

Sunday that he had fully briefed the Prime Minister on the Telekom shares issue, showing the Prime Minister "all the accounts" and that Dr. Mahathir was "satisfied" have proved to be untrue - or the Prime Minister would not have summoned Samy Vellu to explain the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal to the Cabinet.

I call on Samy Vellu to publicly state whether in his explanation to the Cabinet on June 24, he would have anything important or material to add apart from what he had said in his "Tell All Press Conference" on the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal on May 15, 1992.

If Samy Vellu has a lot of important and material information for the Cabinet briefing which he had not revealed in his "Tell All Press Conference" of May 15, then Samy Vellu had not been frank, honest and truthful in his "Tell All Press Conference".

If Samy Vellu has nothing very much to add to his "Tell All Press Conference" when he explains to the Cabinet on June 24, then such a Cabinet explanation would be a waste of time.

DAP proposes that leaders of Opposition parties be invited to the Cabinet explanation by Samy Vellu on the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal

DAP proposes that Dr. Mahathir should invite leaders of Opposition parties to the Cabinet explanation by Samy Vellu on the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

I believe I can give tremendous assistance to the Cabinet Ministers to extricate truths from falsehoods in the explanation that Samy Vellu would be giving to the Cabinet.

If the Cabinet is interested in finding the truth about the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal, then

there is no reason why it should not invite leaders of Opposition parties to the Cabinet session to hear and question Samy Vellu in his explanation on the scandal.

Let Samy Vellu state whether he would support the proposal that the Cabinet invite leaders of Opposition parties to the Cabinet session to hear his explanation.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjong, Lim Kit Siang, in Petaling Jaya on Wednesday, 17th June 1992:

DAP calls on Dr. Mahathir to suspend the Minister for Energy, Post and Telekom, Datuk Samy Vellu, for promoting violence and gangsterism in trying to suppress the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal

DAP calls on the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, to suspend the Minister for Energy, Post and Telekom, Datuk Samy Vellu, for promoting violence and gangsterism in trying to suppress the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

It is most irresponsible that as MIC President, Datuk Samy Vellu, has repeatedly sought to use violence and gangsterism right from the beginning to avoid responsibility and accountability for the criminal breach of trust of the 66,000 MAIKA Holdings shareholders in denying them their right to the nine million \$120 million Telekom shares, which was hijacked to three companies two of which were \$2 companies.

On Monday night, a group of MIC gangsters led by the local MIC leader, assaulted a DAP Perak State Committee member, Rajamanickam, when he and other Perak DAP leaders went to Sungei Siput to inform the people of the cancellation of a DAP ceramah by the police.

On 30th May 1992, MIC leaders in Selangor, led by the Selangor MIC State Exco, Datuk Thurai, and other MIC Selangor Assemblymen, led over a hundred MIC thugs to

disrupt a meeting of MAIKA shareholders on the MAIKA shares hijacking scandal.

On 13th May 1992, MIC thugs led by the Selangor MIC Assemblyman for Seri Cahaya, Sivalingam, led an attack on a group of MAIKA shareholders peacefully picketing outside the MAIKA Headquarters in Kuala Lumpur, including a woman shareholder of MAIKA.

I have been informed that during a police identification parade in Kuala Lumpur yesterday of the thugs who assaulted those who had peacefully picketed outside MAIKA Hqrs, the thugs identified openly in the presence of the police threatened the victims with dire consequences.

Four important issues where Samy Vellu has failed to prove his innocence

The MIC leadership, led by Samy Vellu, has used such gangsterism and violence to suppress the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal because of four reasons:

1. Firstly, Samy Vellu has failed completely to prove his innocence in the MAIKA shares hijacking scandal in four important aspects either to the 66,000 MAIKA shareholders or the Malaysian public:
 - (i) Why he had hijacked nine million Telekom shares from MAIKA Holdings, causing the 66,000 MAIKA shareholders to lose \$80 million profit as at yesterday's closing price for Telekom share.
 - (ii) Why the nine million Telekom shares had been hijacked to three companies, two of which were \$2 companies, without consultation and knowledge of MAIKA Board or the MIC Central Working Committee;

- (iii) Whether the 8.92 million Telekom shares hijacked by the three companies were actually disposed of from Nov. 7 - 15, 1990 at the lowest price as claimed by Samy Vellu in his 'Tell All Press Conference' on May 15; and
 - (iv) Whether the proceeds from the sale of the 8.92 million Telekom shares were channelled to the Tafe College in Seremban.
- (2) MIC leaders resort to gangsterism and violence to suppress the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking issue to frighten the 66,000 MAIKA shareholders from seeking justice and restitution of the nine million Telekom shares, and to ensure that no single MAIKA shareholder would dare to question Samy Vellu's hijacking action at the MAIKA Annual General Meeting later this month;
- (3) Samy Vellu believes that as he could get MCA support in getting Parliament to commit the most undemocratic action in the suspension of the Parliamentary Opposition Leader from Parliament until the end of the year, he could also use his Ministerial position as well as the name of the Prime Minister to put pressure on the police and Anti-Corruption Agency so that the entire investigations into the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal would come to a halt.

DAP calls on Samy Vellu to take a stand on the series of gangsterism and violence committed by MIC thugs, including MIC leaders and elected representatives, and whether he had incited, approved and condoned their thuggism, gangsterism and violence.

DAP in fact calls on the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, to suspend Datuk Samy Vellu as Federal Minister for promoting violence and gangsterism in trying to

suppress the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

When will the ACA interrogate Samy Vellu as the star character in the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal

Anti-Corruption Agency (ACA) officers yesterday interrogated Deputy Minister for Human Resources and former MIC treasurer-general, Datuk M. Mahalingam for three hours yesterday.

It was reported that Mahalingam was questioned in his office at the Damansara Town Centre in Federal Territory on the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal, the 1990 MIC audited accounts, the channelling of the funds from the sale of Telekom shares to the MIC-run Technical and Further Education (Tafe) College near Seremban and the Maju Institute of Educational Development (MIED).

Mahalingam was also questioned about a \$2 million loan which Advance Personal Computers Sdn. Bhd., one of the three companies which hijacked the nine million Telekom shares from MAIKA, gave to MIC through the MIC-owned company, Syarikat Nikmat Sdn. Bhd., in 1990 to settle a bank loan for the purchase of a piece of land.

Since the expose of the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal by the DAP in Parliament on April 29, 1992, the 66,000 MAIKA shareholders and the people of Malaysia have been waiting for two months for the ACA to act, in particular against the Energy Minister and MIC President, Datuk Samy Vellu.

The question the people want an answer is when the ACA is going to interrogate the star character in the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal - Datuk Samy Vellu.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Penang on Sunday, 21st June 1992:

DAP suggests that Samy Vellu's explanation to the Cabinet on his role in the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal should be telecast live

DAP suggests that MIC President and Minister for Energy, Post and Telecommunications, Datuk Samy Vellu's explanation to the Cabinet on his role in the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal should be telecast live.

This is because what Samy Vellu explained to the Cabinet should also be an explanation which he must prepared to give to the people of Malaysia, and in particular to the 66,000 MAIKA Holdings shareholders.

If Samy Vellu is prepared to make certain explanation to the Cabinet which he is not prepared to give to the MAIKA shareholders and the public, then this cannot be honourable and above-board.

Malaysians can still remember the statement made by Samy Vellu when he returned from overseas on 12th May asking why the DAP was raising the shares hijacking scandal of the MIC and not that of other political parties.

Will Samy Vellu be asking for the full support of the entire Cabinet and the leaders of other Barisan Nasional component Ministers on the ground that the other political parties have also shares scandals?

Will Samy Vellu ask Cabinet to pressure the ACA and the Police to suppress further disclosures and investigations into the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal?

Samy Vellu has already enlisted the support of MCA and Gerakan leaders, especially in their collusion in getting the Parliamentary Opposition Leader suspended from Parliament until the end of the year to suppress further disclosures of the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

Will Samy Vellu now ask the Cabinet to put pressure on all government authorities, like the Anti-Corruption Agency and the police, to give full support to him and the MIC leadership to suppress further disclosures of the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal, whether in Parliament or outside and to ban all meetings on the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal?

Speech by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, at a DAP ceramah on the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal in Seremban at Vivekananda Hall on Sunday, 21st June 1992 at 8 p.m.

Mahathir should recall Samy Vellu to return immediately from abroad to give his explanation to the Cabinet next Wednesday

MIC President and Minister for Energy, Telecommunications and Posts, Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu had tried to use the Prime Minister's name to suppress further disclosures and investigations into the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

This was why he claimed at a pro-Samy Vellu MIC rally in Shah Alam on 7th June that he had briefed the Prime Minister on the Telekom shares issue before Dr. Mahathir had left for a holiday in Europe. Samy Vellu said: "I showed him all the accounts. He is satisfied."

Samy Vellu's ruse to use Dr. Mahathir's name to suppress the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal was exposed when Dr. Mahathir said he did not know what Samy Vellu was talking about, and asked him to explain to the Cabinet on his return from the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro.

However, when Dr. Mahathir returned from the Rio Summit, Datuk Samy Vellu has gone overseas, and from my information, he would not be back until Monday 29th June. This means that Samy Vellu misses the Cabinet meeting coming Wednesday on 24th June.

This is most irresponsible on the part of Samy Vellu. Dr. Mahathir should recall Samy Vellu to return immediately

from abroad to give his explanation at the Cabinet meeting on 24th June.

Until the entire \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal is fully accounted for, Samy Vellu cannot give prestige to Malaysia's international reputation by attending conferences overseas.

Challenge to Samy Vellu to declare whether he agrees to a live telecast of his explanation to the Cabinet on the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal

In Penang today, I had suggested that Samy Vellu's explanation to the Cabinet on his role in the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal should be telecast live, as the people of Malaysia and in particular the 66,000 MAIKA Holdings shareholders, have the right to his explanation to the Cabinet.

The live telecast of Samy Vellu's explanation to the Cabinet is vital to public confidence and the integrity of Cabinet Ministers so that there is no room for any suspicion that Samy Vellu would be seeking the full support of the Cabinet and the other Barisan Nasional leaders to help suppress the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal on the ground that other Barisan Nasional component parties have also their shares scandal.

Malaysians will not forget Samy Vellu's public query when he returned from overseas on May 12 as to why the DAP was raising the shares hijacking scandal of the MIC and not that of other political parties.

I challenge Samy Vellu to declare whether he dares to agree to the live telecast of his explanation to the Cabinet on the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal. I also challenge him to give the reasons if he dare not agree to the live telecast of his explanation to the Cabinet and what will he be hiding from public accountability.

Karpal Singh authorised to look into the defamatory reports in Tamil Nesan to institute legal proceedings

Samy Vellu and MIC leaders have charged me for being the Public Enemy No. One of the Malaysian Indians, although I had been suspended from Parliament until the end of the year precisely for fighting for the rights of the Indians in the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

In fact, if anyone should be thrown out of Parliament, it should be Samy Vellu who is responsible for the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal, and not me - who is trying to seek justice and redress for the 66,000 MAIKA shareholders who have been cheated by Samy Vellu.

Every day in Samy Vellu's newspaper, Tamil Nesan, I am accused of the most unspeakable of crimes against the Indian community in Malaysia and defamed.

I have authorised Sdr. Karpal Singh to look into all the reports and articles in the Tamil Nesan since I exposed the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal with a view to instituting legal proceedings against Tamil Nesan as well as MIC leaders who had made defamatory statements against me.

In my political career, I had been accused of being virtually against every race in the country. When I raised political and financial scandals involving UMNO leaders, I was accused of being anti-Malay. When I raised political and financial scandals involving MCA leaders, I was accused of being anti-Chinese. Now I am accused of being anti-Indian because I exposed the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal involving the top MIC leadership.

MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal has raised a very fundamental issue - whether there is a special class of people in Malaysia who are completely above the law

The MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal has raised a very fundamental question.

This is whether there is a special class of people in Malaysia who are completely above the law and who could put pressure on all institutions and government agencies to bend the law to serve their purpose.

Samy Vellu had succeeded in subverting Parliament in getting the support of the MCA and Gerakan to commit the great Parliamentary sacrilege of getting the Parliamentary Opposition Leader suspended from attending Parliament until the end of the year for trying to make further disclosures of the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

Emboldened, MIC thugs had acted as if they ran the police force, assaulting MAIKA shareholders who peacefully picketed outside the MAIKA headquarters in Kuala Lumpur on May 13; disrupted DAP meetings and compelling the police to cancel DAP ceramahs on the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal in various parts of the country.

These people who behaved as a special class who are completely above the law do not fear identification, and this is why the MIC Selangor State Assemblyman for Seri Cahaya, S. Sivalingam, led the MIC thugs in the attack on the MAIKA shareholders on May 13 who were peacefully picketing, including a woman MAIKA shareholder, M. Pathmah. Samy Vellu said in Parliament the next day that if were at the scene, he would have personally taken part in the assault!

This was also why the MIC Selangor Executive Councilor, Datuk T. M. Thurai, together with MIC Dengkil Assemblyman S. Sellathevan, Senator Krishnan and Sivalingam, led over a hundred MIC thugs to disrupt a meeting of MAIKA shareholders in Port Klang on 31st May.

The Klang police had given a permit to the Port Klang

DAP to hold a meeting with the MAIKA shareholders on the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal, but Datuk Thurai was so confident that he belonged to the special class of people who are above the law that he could openly threaten the Police that there would be trouble if any speaker touches on MAIKA, MIC or Samy Vellu.

It is clear that to this special class of people who think they are above the law, the police does not exist in their eyes - as illustrated by the Sungei Siput assault of a Perak DAP State Committee member, Rajamanickam on 15th June 1992.

Up to now, neither Sivalingam nor anyone else had been charged in court for the assault of the MAIKA shareholders peacefully picketing outside the MIC Headquarters on May 13.

It is no wonder that this class of people believe that they are really special and are completely above the law.

I congratulate the Seremban Police for giving permit for DAP's ceramah on the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal. The police had not dared to allow the DAP to hold ceramahs on the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal in Port Klang, Sungei Siput and Penang for fear that MIC thugs and gangsters will create trouble and disturbances.

Malaysia cannot allow a class of people who think they are special and above the law to overawe the forces of law and order and undermine the functioning of democracy, or Malaysia would have been reduced to an increasingly lawless and undemocratic state.

Datuk Muthupalaniappan has to be given 24-hour police protection for the last five days for fear of his life and family

For the first time in the 35-year history of Malaysia,

gangsterism, thuggery and violence had raised its ugly head in public and political life - and the police seemed helpless to check it.

The situation has become so serious that the MIC Negri Sembilan State Chairman and an Executive Councillor, Datuk Muthupalaniappan has to be given 24-hour police protection for the last five days for fear of his life and family.

It has been reported in the press that Datuk Muthupalaniappan had been threatened with his life and that he had written a letter to the person who had made the threat that if he or any member of his family suffers any harm, he would hold that person responsible.

The DAP had never threatened Datuk Muthupalaniappan and the DAP had never received any letter from him. It is clear therefore that such threats did not come from the DAP. I know it has come from the highest MIC leadership levels.

Public law, order and security had become a grave problem in Malaysia if a national political leader could threaten a state political leaders: "I'll kill you physically. All I need is a bullet. I have the money and the means".

DAP fully supports Datuk Muthupalaniappan against such criminal threats to his life and family

Datuk Muthupalaniaapan belongs to the MIC, but he is also a Malaysian citizen who is entitled to the full protection of the law and full benefits of a democratic society.

DAP will always fight injustice, whether injustice perpetrated on the weak and helpless citizens, or even injustice suffered by those in position of authority and responsibility.

When the DAP takes up the cause of justice, we do not look at race, colour or creed, but on the merits of the case.

It is for this reason that the DAP is prepared to give full backing to Datuk Muthupalaniaapan against the threats to his life and family - for this is something which is totally outside the pale of a civilized democratic society.

DAP calls on the Prime Minister and the IGP to take immediate and firm action to prove that there is no special class of people in Malaysia who are above the law

I am sure that the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, must have been informed of the activities of this group of special class of people who think they are above the law, and could even threaten the physical elimination of other people in the presence of witnesses.

I call on Dr. Mahathir and the Inspector-General of Police, Tan Sri Haniff Omar, to take immediate and firm action to demonstrate beyond a shadow of doubt that in Malaysia there is no class of special people who are above the law, regardless of how high or mighty they had risen in political position, wealth and power.

I will seek an appointment with the Inspector-General of Police, Tan Sri Haniff Omar, to discuss with him the grave problem of the emergence of gangsterism, thuggism and violence in Malaysian politics and public life, and the need for the police to marshal its entire resources to nip this unhealthy and dangerous development in the bud before the culture of gangsterism, thuggism and violence become part of Malaysian politics and public life.

Samy Vellu had never produced accounts to show that the proceeds of the sale of the nine million Telekom shares had gone to Tafe College

Samy Vellu has been tying himself up in knots and circles with his various explanations on the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

On 13th May, Samy Vellu said that he had all the details and accounts of the sale of the Telekom shares, and who used the money.

On the 14th May, in the Parliament corridor, he said he was going to reveal all the documentary proof in a press conference the next day which would make me the most foolish person in the country. He said: "I will reveal everything... I've got it in documents and in writing. Every sen of the money (from the sale of the shares)... where and who they went to, and how it was spent will be revealed tomorrow at a press conference."

However at the so-called 'Tell-All Press Conference' on May 15, no documents showing that the Tafe College had received the money was produced. One Samy Vellu aide suggested that the relevant documents might have been seized by the Anti-Corruption Agency.

However, after the MIC Central Working Committee meeting on 19th May 1992 which endorsed all decisions of Samy Vellu on the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal after a three-hour meeting, Samy Vellu said: "I also explained to the CWC that the proceeds from the sale of the shares had been used to fund the MIC-sponsored Tafe College in Seremban. I backed my claims with documents, following which the CWC agreed to endorse my decisions."

This is most strange and extraordinary. Samy Vellu could not produce the accounts and documents to prove that the proceeds from the sale of the Telekom shares had been channeled to Tafe College in his 'Tell-All Press Conference' before over 60 local and foreign pressmen on May 15, but he could produce them at the meeting with the MIC CWC four days later.

Do these documents - which he had also claimed as having been shown to Dr. Mahathir making the Prime Minister

'satisfied' in early April - exist or not?

Unless Samy Vellu produce these documents, I myself do not believe they exist. I challenge Samy Vellu to produce these documents immediately on his return from overseas.

Samy Vellu's 'Tell-All Press Conference' on May 15 did not make me the most foolish person in the country. On the contrary, the numerous discrepancies, inconsistencies and downright lies have only incriminated Samy Vellu further in the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjong, Lim Kit Siang, in Petaling Jaya on Tuesday, 23rd June 1992:

DAP calls on the Prime Minister, the Police, the Attorney-General and the Anti-Corruption Agency to uphold the rule of law as promised by Dr. Mahathir on the birthday of the Yang di Pertuan Agong

On the birthday of the Yang di Pertuan Agong on 6th June, the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, said in his congratulatory speech and pledge of loyalty before the Yang di Pertuan Agong at the Istana Negara that the rule of law must be upheld if the nation is to forge ahead with more economic success, consolidate its political stability and improve its social environment.

Dr. Mahathir said that all quarters must extend their cooperation in the effort to defend the rule of law in the country.

He added: "The laws in the country must be adhered to and respected by all. The country is not likely to be stable and successful if everyone does not respect the administrative and legal systems of the country. We will also not be respected internationally."

The Prime Minister himself, the Police, the Attorney-General and the Anti-Corruption Agency must be reminded of these words especially at a time when there is a class of people who regarded themselves as special who are absolutely above the law, and could even overawe the police, the Attorney-General's Chambers and the Anti-Corruption with

their criminal activities.

This pledge by the Prime Minister to the Yang di Pertuan Agong to uphold the rule of law is now undergoing an acid test, and the whole country is watching and waiting whether this class of people who behave as if they are above the law would be smacked down and charged for their various criminal offences.

Never before in the 35-year political history of Malaysia had a national political leader threatened a state leader with death with the words: "I'll kill you physically. All I need is a bullet. I have the money and the means."

A witness to the death threat, who holds high office in the country, should report to the police immediately or his qualification to hold high office would be questioned

What makes such a death threat even more shocking is that it was made in the presence of witnesses, one of whom was appointed recently to very high office in the land.

This witness should heed the pledge of Dr. Mahathir that "the rule of law must be upheld" and report the death threat to the police immediately, or his own qualification to continue to hold such high office would be questioned justifying a petition for his removal from such high office.

Why didn't the MAIKA Board convene an emergency meeting on the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal now that it had postponed its AGM by at least two months

The Chairman of the MAIKA Board of Directors, Datuk G. Pasamanikam, announced last week that the sixth MAIKA Holdings Annual General Meeting fixed for June 26 had been postponed by at least two months, because of technical difficulties faced by MAIKA subsidiaries in finalising their accounts.

Why didn't the Board convene an emergency meeting of MAIKA Holdings specifically on the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal now that it had postponed the AGM?

Or does the MAIKA Board think that it has nothing to explain and account to the 66,000 MAIKA shareholders for the Telekom shares hijacking scandal, which involved a loss of some \$80 million profit to the shareholders?

Furthermore, what is the MAIKA Board doing about the position of Board Director, R. Selvendra, who clearly had committed a breach of trust and conflict-of-interest in being a director of MAIKA as well as director of Advance Personal Computers Sdn. Bhd., one of the three companies which hijacked the nine million Telekom shares from MAIKA.

The MAIKA Board should convene an extraordinary general meeting of the MAIKA shareholders on the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal and which should include a motion for the expulsion of R. Selvendra from the Board for his breach of trust and conflict of interest.

If Pasamanickam thinks that he could better advance the interests of the 66,000 MAIKA shareholders by burning my effigy rather than convening an emergency general meeting to give a full accounting of the MAIKA shares hijacking scandal, then he is clearly not fit to continue to be MAIKA Chairman and should tender his resignation forthwith.

Speech by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjong, Lim Kit Siang, at the DAP 'Back To The People' Dinner held in Labis, Johore on Thursday, 25th June 1992 at 7 p.m.

Which is more important - Samy Vellu attending an international telecommunications conference in Amsterdam or explaining to Cabinet on the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal?

Today's press reported the speech of the Minister for Energy, Telecommunications and Posts, Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu, at the Fourth International Conference on Telecommunications in Amsterdam, where he announced the review of two major areas of the Telecommunications Act in Malaysia - licensing and enforcement, "to cope with the fast-changing telecommunications environment."

There is nothing in Samy Vellu's speech in Amsterdam which is so earth-shaking that it could not be delivered by the Deputy Minister for Energy, Telecommunications and Posts, Datuk Tajul Rosli.

The question all Malaysians are asking is: Which is more important - Samy Vellu attending an international telecommunications conference in Amsterdam or explaining to Cabinet on the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal?

Yesterday, the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, chaired the first Cabinet meeting after his return from the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, and all Cabinet Ministers and the Malaysian public were expecting Samy Vellu to give his explanation on the \$120 million MAIKA

Telekom shares hijacking scandal as directed by the Prime Minister before his departure for Brazil.

Did Samy Vellu get the prior approval of Dr. Mahathir to miss the Cabinet meeting yesterday to attend the Amsterdam conference? Or could he leave the country and skip Cabinet meetings as and when he likes?

Or did Samy Vellu deliberately avoided the Cabinet meeting yesterday because he needed more time to prepare his 'explanation' to the Cabinet, despite his earlier announcement that he would reveal everything in his 'Tell-All Press Conference' on May 15 - which turned out to be a 'Cover-All Press Conference'?

The Prime Minister must not allow Samy Vellu to miss the Cabinet meeting next Wednesday. Samy Vellu should also make public his explanation to the Cabinet on the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal unless he has something to hide. I am still waiting for Samy Vellu's response as to whether he would agree to my suggestion that his explanation to the Cabinet should be telecast live, as I am sure that would be intense national and even international interest.

Are all the 32 members of the MIC Central Working Committee prepared to 'sink or swim' with Samy Vellu?

On 19th May 1992, the 32-member MIC Central Working Committee endorsed all actions of MIC President, Datuk Samy Vellu, with regard to the 10 million Telekom shares issue after a three-hour meeting where the MIC CWC heard an explanation about the Telekom shares for the first time in two years.

All the 32 members of the MIC CWC should declare whether they are prepared to 'sink or swim' with Samy Vellu.

Malaysians are reminded of similar events in 1986, when the then MCA President, Tan Koon Swan, was charged with criminal breach of trust in Singapore.

When Tan Koon Swan returned, the MCA leadership organised a massive "hero's welcome" at the Subang International Airport, and the MCA Central Committee declared full support and endorsement for Tan Koon Swan.

The MCA even held demonstrations attacking the Singapore Government for trying to undermine Malaysia-Singapore relations in arresting and charging Tan Koon Swan for criminal breach of trust offences.

However, when Tan Koon Swan went to jail in Changi in Singapore, and later in Malaysia, nobody in the MCA leadership offered to serve jail sentence on his behalf and keep him company in the jails.

With this precedent, all the MIC CWC members who have fully endorsed Samy Vellu should declare whether they would all 'sink or swim' with Samy Vellu, or whether they would abandon Samy Vellu at the first opportunity. Are they going to organise a great 'hero's welcome' when Samy Vellu returns from Amsterdam?

The MIC CWC members should explain what are the reasons for their total support and endorsement for all actions taken by Samy Vellu in the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

What is most unbelievable is that it was Datuk G. Pasamanickam, who is chairman of MAIKA Holdings, who seconded the CWC motion. From a defender of the interests of the 66,000 MAIKA shareholders, Pasamanickam has become an apologist for Samy Vellu in the hijacking of the nine million Telekom shares from MAIKA.

On this ground alone, G. Pasamanickam should step down as MAIKA Holdings chairman, or he should be removed as Chairman by the shareholders at the forthcoming MAIKA annual general meeting.

I would have thought that as MAIKA Chairman, Pasamanickam would be grateful to me for making public the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal. Instead, he wanted to burn my effigy!

I am prepared to attend the MAIKA Holdings AGM if invited by Pasamanickam

As MAIKA Chairman, Pasamanickam should know whose effigy he should burn on behalf of the 66,000 MAIKA shareholders.

If Pasamanickam dares to invite me to attend the MAIKA Holdings AGM, I am ready to attend and find out from the 66,000 MAIKA shareholders whether my effigy should be burnt for bringing to public light the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

Speech (Part 2) by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjong, Lim Kit Siang, at the DAP 'Back To The People' Dinner in Bekok in Johore on Thursday, 25th June 1992 at 9 pm

Samy Vellu wanted to show MIC leaders and members that he is so powerful that he could even ignore the Prime Minister's directive to explain the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal to the Cabinet yesterday by going abroad

MIC President and Minister for Energy, Telecommunications and Posts, Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu, wanted to show MIC leaders and members that he is so powerful that he could even ignore the Prime Minister's directive to explain the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal to the Cabinet yesterday by going abroad to attend an international conference.

The message that Samy Vellu is sending out to MIC leaders and members is that he decides whether the International Telecommunications Conference in Amsterdam is more important than the Cabinet meeting yesterday where he had been directed by Dr. Mahathir Mohamed to give his explanation on the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal on his return from the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro.

Samy Vellu had already demonstrated his 'power' when he showed to MIC leaders and members that he could get the MCA and Gerakan to give him full support by getting the Parliamentary Opposition Leader suspended from Parliament until the end of the year for trying to make more disclosures on the MAIKA shares hijacking scandal.

Even Samy Vellu knew that when I was speaking on the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal in the Dewan Rakyat on May 14 during the debate on the Bankruptcy Amendment Bill, I was not indulging in irrelevancies.

If during the debate on the Bankruptcy Amendment Bill, an MP cannot speak on a financial scandal which could make the MAIKA Holdings shareholders bankrupt because of criminal breach of trust by leaders who had misled the Indian poor, middle-class and professionals to use their life savings to invest in MAIKA, then the Malaysian Parliament has become a total farce.

Samy Vellu wants to make Parliament an extension of MIC

Samy Vellu should know that his success in getting MCA support in getting me suspended from Parliament for insisting on my right to speak on the MAIKA shares hijacking scandal during the debate on the Bankruptcy Amendment Bill is a shame to Malaysian Parliament.

In fact, the Far Eastern Economic Review had quoted one Barisan Nasional MP as saying: "If Parliament is a place to debate issues of the day, the agenda must have the flexibility to accommodate debate, otherwise Parliament becomes merely an extension of the administration."

What Samy Vellu seeks to do is clearly to make Parliament an extension of the MIC.

The MIC Secretary-General, Datuk G. Vadiveloo, is the President of the second House of Parliament - the Senate. It is most remarkable that in the two-week meeting of Senate in May and June, the \$120 MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal was never mentioned or discussed although it was dominating national attention and even made international news.

Having succeeded in making the Dewan Negara an extension of MIC, Samy Vellu now wants to do the same with the Dewan Rakyat with the collusion of MCA and Gerakan - and his first action is to get the Parliamentary Opposition Leader suspended from Parliament until the end of the year.

Samy Vellu had also demonstrated his 'power' to MIC leaders and members when up to now none of the MIC thugs who had assaulted the MAIKA shareholders who had picketed peacefully outside MAIKA headquarters on May 13, or disrupted DAP meetings on the MAIKA scandal in Port Klang on May 31 and in Sungei Siput on 16th June had been charged in court.

Another form of Samy Vellu's 'power' was the pressure on the police to cancel DAP ceramahs on the MAIKA scandal.

Samy Vellu was also trying to impress MIC leaders and members with his 'power' when at the pro-Samy Vellu MIC rally in Shah Alam, he said that the Prime Minister, Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, was satisfied after he had shown all the accounts and documents on the MAIKA shares hijacking scandal.

If Samy Vellu had succeeded, he would be able to apply pressure on the Anti-Corruption Agency and the Police - but he miscalculated this time, for Dr. Mahathir said he did not know what Samy Vellu was talking about and wanted him to explain to the Cabinet after he had returned from the Earth Summit.

Samy Vellu's going overseas to skip the Cabinet meeting for him to explain the \$120 million MAIKA shares hijacking scandal is part of his old game to convince MIC leaders and members that he is a very powerful man in the Barisan Nasional government, who could do what he wants and that there is no one who could control him.

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Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Penang on Thursday, May 28, 1992:

DAP calls for the State Local Government Committee Report on the revamp of the two Municipalities to be tabled at the Penang State Assembly on June 2

It is clear that the Penang State Government only acts when pressured by the DAP.

On 19th May 1992, I submitted questions for oral answer for the Penang State Assembly which will meet beginning June 2, 1992.

One of my questions asked the following:

To ask the Chief Minister the main findings and recommendations of the State Government review of local authorities, including the various public hearings held last year, the State Government's stand on these recommendations and findings, and why the report of such a review headed by YB Goh Cheng Teik had not been made public.

A few days after this question was submitted and forwarded to the Penang State Government, the Exco member in charge of local government, Dr. Goh Cheng Teik, told the press that the State Local Government Committee had sent a detailed report on the revamp of the two municipal councils to the state government.

Dr. Goh said that the report, which contained proposals

and suggestions on how to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of services by the Penang Municipal Council and the Seberang Perai Municipal Council, would be discussed by the State Executive Council.

It is clear that the State Exco would have continued to sleep on the report on the review of the local authorities in the State if the DAP had not given notice that this is one of the issues to be raised in the State Assembly starting on June 2.

What is the use of the State Local Government Committee holding public hearings last year if the State Government is not serious about the whole matter that the State Exco could sit on the report without even discussing it up to now?

Or had the State Local Government Committee been irresponsible and negligent in not completing and submitting its report to the State Government until I had given notice to raise this question on May 19?

DAP calls for the State Local Government Committee report on the revamp of the two Municipalities in Penang to be tabled at the Penang State Assembly on June 2, and will demand to know why the Chief Minister, Dr. Koh Tsu Koon, is afraid of public debate, accountability and transparency on the State Local Government Committee's report if this report is not presented to the Assembly.

Speech by Penang Opposition Leader and Assemblyman for Padang Kota, Lim Kit Siang, in the Penang State Assembly on the Governor's Address on Thursday, June 4, 1992

Tan Ghim Hwa, Koh Tsu Koon and Kang Chin Seng have imposed the hukum hudud on Goh Cheng Teik, who have been politically amputated of his hands and feet

The Penang State Government under Chief Minister, Dr. Koh Tsu Koon, created parliamentary and state assembly history in Malaysia today when on the same day two government explanatory statements had to be made - one by the Chief Minister himself and the other by the EXCO member in charge of local government, Dr. Goh Cheng Teik, on misleading replies given by the government during question time yesterday.

A government which is efficient, competent and responsible would not have made so many errors during question time yesterday. It is not a good sign for a new state government under a new Chief Minister to begin to fumble so badly after 20 months in office.

I really felt sorry for Dr. Goh Cheng Teik yesterday. Dr. Koh Tsu Koon forced Goh Cheng Teik to answer all the difficult and embarrassing questions, including questions about statements and assurances that had been made by the Chief Minister himself, making Dr. Goh Cheng Teik the 'punching bag' for the Opposition, instead of he himself.

The Chief Minister has an image of being very personable, approachable and gentle but the saying that 'Still water runs deep' or the Malay proverb 'Jangan sangka air yang tenang tidak ada buaya' applies here.

It is very clear that there has been an intense power tussle among the Gerakan leaders in government, and the result is that Dr. Koh Tsu Koon, Tan Ghim Hwa and Dr. Kang Chin Seng have teamed up to impose 'hukum hudud' on Dr. Goh Cheng Teik by politically amputating his hands and feet.

This was why Dr. Goh Cheng Teik was in a daze during question time yesterday, unable to focus and concentrate although the Chief Minister had dumped on him the duty to answer all the difficult and embarrassing questions, and the Chief Minister was thoroughly enjoying himself at the public discomfiture and disgrace of Dr. Goh Cheng Teik. I do not think this is a very comradely conduct on the part of the Chief Minister.

It is most shocking that Dr. Goh Cheng Teik, who always takes pride in preparing for questions in the Assembly, and previously in Parliament when he was Deputy Minister, to show his mastery over the subjects under his charge, was so lost yesterday.

For instance, under my repeated questioning, Dr. Goh was unable to say how many proposals were made in the public hearings to the State Local Government Committee on the revamp of the two Municipalities in the state.

Dr. Goh was also unable to tell how many proposals this Committee submitted to the State Executive Council and the date the report was submitted to the State Executive Council and the date the State Executive Council met to consider the report.

All that Dr. Goh could say was that the Report of the Committee was submitted to the State Exco 'a few months ago'.

Dr. Goh could not be so incompetent, fumbling publicly in the State Assembly for answers to very simple questions

which must be on his fingertips unless he want to hide the fact that his Report on the public hearing on the revamp of the two Municipalities was never given serious attention by the Executive Council.

In fact, after I had submitted my question on May 19 that I will asking in yesterday's Assembly about the Report on the revamp of local authorities, Dr. Goh said that his report would be considered by the State Executive Council soon.

This means that until May 19, the Executive Council had never considered this Report. Why such shabby treatment of the Report of the first public hearings conducted under the new State Government of Dr. Koh Tsu Koon?

In fact, in the New Straits Times on 10th May 1991, Dr. Koh Tsu Koon was quoted as saying that the decision on whether the present local government set-up be abolished or restructured would be made known in July 1991.

Goh Cheng Teik made more enemies in Gerakan when he was daily in the news during the first 14 months of State Government and conducted public hearings on revamp of local government in Penang

It is clear that the Goh Cheng Teik report on the restructuring of the two Municipalities had been given the cold shoulder by the Chief Minister and the State Exco.

The reasons have nothing to do with the public interest but are solely because of power tussle and rivalry inside the Gerakan. For the first 14 months of the present government, Dr. Goh Cheng Teik was as much in the news every day as the Chief Minister, Dr. Koh Tsu Koon, and at times putting the Chief Minister in the shade.

In fact, the public hearing conducted by Dr. Goh Cheng Teik inviting public views from organisations and individuals

on the restructuring of local government in Malaysia won Dr. Goh kudos from the public, but this only earned him more jealousy in the circles of the Chief Minister.

By being daily in the news during the first 14 months of the State Government and conducting the highly publicised public hearings on local government in Penang, Dr. Goh Cheng Teik had in fact made more enemies inside the Gerakan.

This is why the Chief Minister and the State Exco had put Dr. Goh Cheng Teik's report in the cold storage - in deep freeze below zero degree. What is worse, local government in Penang was not only not restructured, but Dr. Goh Cheng Teik himself got 'restructured' and Dr. Koh Tsu Koon, Tan Ghim Hwa and Dr. Kang Chin Seng have conspired to impose the 'Gerakan hukum hudud' on Dr. Goh Cheng Teik by politically amputating his limbs.

This is why since early this year, Dr. Goh Cheng Teik had been rarely in the news, and no one among the Gerakan State Exco members is allowed to compete with the Penang Chief Minister for the attention of the people of Penang.

Only last week, the Chief Minister made it very clear that only the Yang di Pertua of the two Municipalities should make public statements - a public confession that he did not want Dr. Goh Cheng Teik to compete with him in the newspapers as happened in the first 14 months of the State Government.

The Gerakan hukum hudud was imposed on Dr. Goh Cheng Teik by three steps.

Firstly, by the appointment of Penang Gerakan State Chairman, Senator Datuk Tan Ghim Hwa as MPPP President. Secondly, by the appointment of State Exco member, Zacharia Bakar as MPSP President. Thirdly, the clamp on Dr. Goh Cheng Teik from issuing too many press statements

to compete with the Chief Minister for public attention.

With the appointment of Tan Ghim Hwa as MPPP President, Dr. Goh Cheng Teik has lost control over half of his portfolio on local government.

Tan Ghim Hwa is Dr. Goh Cheng Teik's superior in the Gerakan. How can Dr. Goh Cheng Teik exercise control and supervision over Tan Ghim Hwa, although on paper, Dr. Goh is the superior of Tan Ghim Hwa in the Penang State Government with regard to MPPP matters?

This was vividly illustrated by the Mercedes 230 E - PCG 1100 - which was provided to Tan Ghim Hwa on his appointment as MPPP President.

During question time yesterday, it was clear that although Dr. Goh Cheng Teik was responsible over the MPPP, he knew nothing about the details of the Mercedes Benz 230 E provided to Tan Ghim Hwa. Dr. Koh Tsu Koon had to whisper to him to prompt him with answers to supplementary questions - showing that the Exco member in charge of local government had been completely by-passed in matters affecting the MPPP President.

Dr. Koh Tsu Koon said in his explanatory statement this morning that he had made a mistake in his written reply to me in referring to the car of the previous Yang di Pertua of MPPP as of Mercedes Benz 200, when it should have been Mercedes 230 E.

This is one aspect which I will touch on, but I want to talk about the sociology of power realities as reflected by the different cars provided to different office holders in government.

The Assemblyman for Kebun Bunga, Teng Hock Nan, said this morning that I had blown up the issue of the Mercedes

Benz 230 E of Tan Ghim Hwa. In fact, I knew nothing about Tan Ghim Hwa being provided a Mercedes Benz 230 E at the expense of the ratepayers of the Penang Island until the State Assembly yesterday.

But what shocked me, and I am sure all Penangites, is that the new MPPP President should get a new Mercedes Benz 230 E when the Exco members are using Mercedes Benz 200E.

According to the answer given by the Chief Minister to the DAP Assemblyman for Paya Terubong, Sdr. Teoh Teik Huat, the cars used by the Chief Minister and State Exco members, the makes, the price and date bought are as follows:

1. Dr. Koh Tsu Koon
Chief Minister.
PG 1 - Mercedes Benz 380 E
Bought 16.9.1982
\$57,416.70
2. Dr. Ibrahim Saad
PP1 - Mercedes Benz 200 E (M)
Bought 31.5.1990
\$92,972.27
3. Dato' Hj. Abdul Rahman Abbas
Speaker
PAK 10 - Mercedes Benz 200 E(M) W 124
Bought 20.6.1990
\$92,972.27
4. Dr. Goh Cheng Teik
PAL 3 - Mercedes Benz 200 E (M) W 124
Bought 31.5.1990
\$92,972.27

5. Tuan Hj. Zakaria bin Bakar
PM 1 - Mercedes Benz 200 E (M) W 124
Bought 22.1.1991
\$102,157.77
6. Kee Phaik Cheen
PAK 9 - Mercedes Benz 200 E (M) W 124
Bought 10.8.1990
\$92,972.27
7. Yahaya bin Abdul Hamid
PCF 7755 - Mercedes Benz 200 E (M)
Bought 28.10.1985
\$59,370.56
8. Dr. Kang Chin Seng
PAK 1 - Mercedes Benz 200 E (M)
Bought 25.10.1991
\$125,066.54
9. Hj. Ibrahim Yaakob
PCE 70 - Mercedes Benz 200 E (M)
Bought: 6.9.1991
\$124,266.54
10. Dr. Hilmi bin Hj. Yahya
PCE 2020 - Mercedes Benz 200 E(M)
Bought 6.9.1991
\$125,066.54

I do not think perceptive persons, except Dr. Teng Hock Nan, would dispute the sociology of power realities in government as reflected by the size of cars - that those who have small cars have less power, position and prestige than those who are entitled to bigger cars.

Even ordinary people understand that for those in government, a person who drives a bigger and more expensive car

has more power than a person who drives a smaller, cheaper and older car - except certain intellectuals and professionals like Dr. Teng Hock Nan.

Dr. Teng Hock Nan is only betraying his abysmal ignorance of power structures and power realities in government when he tried to distract attention by claiming that in the DAP, there are MPs and other leaders who drive bigger cars than me.

Of course there are, but these are cars owned by us in our personal capacities which do not attach to our political positions, and has nothing to do with power realities - as is the case with official cars provided to different office-holders in government.

If Dr. Teng Hock Nan still does not understand such rudimentary knowledge about the structure of the hierarchy of the government, where the type of official cars provided, allowances and perks are important indices of power realities, then I will not waste anymore time to try to provide such elementary political education to Dr. Teng Hock Nan. I will not do work to educate Gerakan assemblymen which should be done by the Gerakan itself.

Dr. Goh Cheng Teik remarked yesterday that my using a smaller car than him did not diminish my confidence from grilling him. He is right. In fact, it did not stop me from speaking up loud and clear not only against the Penang Chief Minister, Dr. Koh Tsu Koon, but also against the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed.

This is because I do not belong to the structure of hierarchy of government, and I spend my own money to buy my own car. The make of my car does not reflect my political position, which finally comes from the support given by the people.

In the final analysis, the reason I can stand up and speak

with a loud and clear voice against anyone in government in the Penang State Assembly is because of the support from the people, which has nothing to do with the car I use.

In the case in point, it is clearly impossible for Dr. Goh Cheng Teik, who is in charge of local government in the EXCO, driving a smaller, cheaper and older car, to exercise control, authority and responsibility over Tan Ghim Hwa, who is not only his political superior but drives a bigger, newer and more expensive car!

Furthermore, I want to ask Dr. Koh Tsu Koon, who was singly responsible for giving such unusual powers and perks to Tan Ghim Hwa, to explain which other Municipal President outside Penang drives a Mercedes 230 E. I do not refer to those Municipalities which are headed by the Mentri Besar of the State.

Is Ghim Hwa's contract a 'Contract of Sacrifice' which even provided for extraordinary diseases like getting AIDS?

As a result of the DAP's pressures in the Assembly, the contract for Tan Ghim Hwa as MPPP President was tabled in the Assembly yesterday.

When Tan Ghim Hwa was appointed MPPP President, he said publicly that he was making a great sacrifice for the people of Penang in accepting the appointment.

But is Ghim Hwa's contract a Contract of Sacrifice? Anyone who reads the terms of his contract as MPPP President can see no sacrifice for he is getting even greater perks and influence than even Gerakan EXCOs.

To claim that getting \$6,000 monthly salary, \$1,500 housing allowance, \$1,500 entertainment allowance and \$1,000 imbuhan tetap jawatan utama, as well as other benefits

and perks like gratuity, is a 'sacrifice' the overwhelming majority of the 600,000 ratepayers of the Penang Island are prepared to make!

Tan Ghim Hwa was appointed on 20th February 1992, but the contract was signed on 19th March 1992. This is a most extraordinary state of affairs - and shows how political influence and pressure had been used in the appointment of the MPPP President.

Under Clause 5(v) of the contract for Tan Ghim Hwa as MPPP President, Tan Ghim Hwa is required "menurut dan menjalankan perintah-perintah dan arahan-arahan yang diberikan kepadanya oleh Kerajaan."

This is a meaningless provision when the State Exco in charge of Local Government, Dr. Goh Cheng Teik, would not dare to give Tan Ghim Hwa any perintah-perintah or arahan-arahan as MPPP President.

This is why Tan Ghim Hwa could blatantly violate Clause 5(iv) of his contract as MPPP President, which requires him to "menumpukan segala masa dan perhatiannya kepada perkhidmatan Kerajaan dan berusaha sedaya upaya untuk memajukan kepentingan Kerajaan." Tan Ghim Hwa has violated this provision in his contract of service when he continued as Senator, when he should be in this House yesterday and today to be in attendance when the State Assembly is meeting.

In the exercise of his duties as the State Exco member over the MPPP President, Goh Cheng Teik should direct Tan Ghim Hwa to resign as Senator - but how could Cheng Teik do so when he has a smaller car than the MPPP President and has even less real power in the State Government than Ghim Hwa?

Here, I want to query Clause 7(v) of his contract of service as MPPP President, which provides that Tan Ghim Hwa "boleh dipertimbangkan untuk pinjaman kenderaan berdasar-

kan kepada keperluan perkhidmatan dan keupayaan Pegawai membayar balik dalam tempoh kontrak yang telah dipersetujui sahaja."

Why should the MPPP President be entitled to a further right to a car loan after being provided with an official car which is Mercedes Benz 230 E, which is already bigger and more expensive than that provided for EXCO members?

I also want to know what is the meaning of Clause 7(i) of the Contract of Service which stiputes that "Dalam tempoh perkhidmatan pegawai (i) adalah layak dipertimbangkan pemberian cuti kuarantina."

Has Tan Ghim Hwa's contract of service provided for extraordinary diseases like AIDS that there must be this unusual provision for "quarantine leave". I have asked around the civil service unions and I am told that this is the first time that they have come across such an extraordinary provision for "quarantine leave".

Goh Cheng Teik should be appointed MPSP President if the State Government wants a politician

With the appointment of Tan Ghim Hwa as MPPP President, Goh Cheng Teik has become half a Exco Member on Local Government.

The second step to amputate the political limbs of Goh Cheng Teik was through the appointment of Zacharia Bakar as MPSP President. This must be the first case in Malaysian history where one Exco is a Municipal President, where another Exco is in charge of Local Government whose portforlio covers the Municipality.

If a politician is to be appointed to be Yang di Pertua of MPSP, then Dr. Goh Cheng Teik should be appoined as he is also in charge of the local government portforlio. But this

of course is anathema to the Gerakan power-brokers in Penang.

I said yesterday that with Zakaria's appointment as Yang di Pertua of MPSP, he has been reduced to be one-quarter Exco Member for local government. I think I had given to high an estimate, for with the third step to muzzle Goh Cheng Teik from making press statements about Municipal affairs, it is clear that Cheng Teik has lost all power and responsibility over the local government portfolio and the two Municipalities.

Koh Tsu Koon evasive and irresponsible on the repeal of the Rent Control Act

During question time yesterday, I raised a very important question with regard to pre-war houses which are under the Rent Control Act. An article by Joseline Tan of New Straits on her interview with Dr. Koh Tsu Koon on the completion of his 100 days as Chief Minister, reported:

"Dr. Koh is also prepared to face the impending storm over the move to repeal the Rent Control Act that has for so long stultified the inner city in a sort of prewar warp.

"Yes, there will be repercussions, but some one has to do it, or else there won't be any progress. We are prepared to face the challenge even if it means a decline in the popularity."

"He favours repealing the Act, but stressed that decontrol must be done in phases according to the period of construction. There must also be a massive rehousing programme by both the public and private sectors and thought be given to heritage buildings."

However, when I asked what re-housing programme had been planned by the State Government for the people in Penang in pre-war houses who would be affected by the repeal

of the Rent Control Act as such amending legislation is in its final stage, Dr. Goh Cheng Teik was forced by the Chief Minister to reply that the State Government opposed the repeal of the Rent Control Act. This was most dishonest as the Chief Minister had clearly and publicly declared his support for the repeal of the Rent Control Act in his interview with the New Straits Times.

Dr. Koh Tsu Koon did not lift a finger to help Dr. Goh Cheng Teik when he was quizzed on the Chief Minister's public stand - leaving Cheng Teik to be drowned!

A government which is honest and sincere would not come to the Assembly to deceive the people of its actual stand on the Rent Control Act.

I want to ask Dr. Koh Tsu Koon why and how his character could have changed so much in 20 months as Chief Minister. Why? Is power so corroding and corrupting of one's character and personality? What we are asking is basic honesty.

The repeal of the Rent Control Act is in the final stages and everybody knows, including Dr. Koh Tsu Koon and Dr. Goh Cheng Teik. Why come to Assembly to put up a pretence that the Rent Control Act had not been repealed and to wait for Parliament to act first?

If the State Assembly waits until Parliament repeals the Rent Control Act, it would be too late. What is the use of Dr. Goh saying that he hoped the DAP MPs would oppose the repeal of the Rent Control Act. Of course the DAP MPs would oppose the repeal of the Rent Control Act. But who is in command of the Parliament?

Even with the opposition of the DAP MPs, the the repeal of the Rent Control Act would be passed by Parliament as the Barisan Nasional has two-thirds majority in Parliament - together with the support of the Gerakan MPs.

I hope the Penang State Government would not play around with this issue of the repeal of the Rent Control Act, as it is very important to the poor people who would be affected.

I also hope that after this debate, the Chief Minister and the Exco members will become more serious in their duties and responsibilities.

I hope they will be more vigilant and do not allow power to corrupt their moral principles and character until they put up false pretences inside and outside the House.

Let us have a clear government stand on this issue during the winding-up, whether the government plans to have a massive re-housing programme in view of the fact that it is only a matter of time before the repeal of the Rent Control Act. We serve warning that we will hold the State Government responsible if it fails to have any massive re-housing programme when the Rent Control Act is repealed as it is the government's responsibility to look after housing, which is one of the basic human needs.

I want now to come to the issue of the appointment of Tan Ghim Hwa as MPPP President - whether he is suitable and qualified to hold this post.

Although Tan Ghim Hwa is Penang Gerakan Chairman, this does not automatically make him qualified to become the MPPP President. In fact, he was defeated in Batu Lancang constituency in the 1986 general elections - and would have further repudiated by the people had he contested in the 1990 general elections. This was why he had to enter Parliament by the backdoor through the Senate.

Has Tan Ghim Hwa the qualities to unite the people in MPPP, the qualifications to raise the standard of service of the MPPP, and the vision for the future for Penang city?

The first MPPP full Council meeting chaired by Tan Ghim Hwa lasted for four minutes only - the scandal of the four-minute MPPP meeting! This qualifies Tan Ghim Hwa and the MPPP to enter the Guinness Book of Records - where 24 Councillors met for four minutes. I do not know how many seconds this would work out for each Councillor!

What is shocking is that the Chief Minister praised Tan Ghim Hwa for his efficiency in disposing of the the MPPP Councillors in four minutes. I do not know how long the State Exco meets - whether four minutes, 40 minutes or two hours. But going by this criteria, the State Exco would be most inefficient if it could not finish its meeting in four minutes! The Chief Minister should probably invite Tan Ghim Hwa to give a special briefing as to how the State Exco could conduct its meetings in four minutes!

By Dr. Koh Tsu Koon's logic, the MPPP should aim to hold its meetings in three minutes so that it could become even more efficient.

How can Dr. Koh Tsu Koon, who has received higher education, advance such arguments?

This is why I had advised Dr. Koh not to allow power to corrupt one's thinking, principle, morality and character.

Is Tan Ghim Hwa fit to be MPPP President. He had shown that he is a racist when he accused me of 'Bully Chinese Fear Malay' when I criticised him for the four-minute MPPP full Council scandal. The Penang Gerakan, under his leadership, also attacked the DAP of 'Bully Good Fear Bad'.

When the equation of these accusations is completed, it represent the most racist and irresponsible allegation of Tan Ghim Hwa and Penang Gerakan, wanting the people to believe that he was being criticised by the DAP because he was Chinese and a good man, while the DAP feared the

Malays like the UMNO leaders although they are bad!

How can such a person be fit to be MPPP President to lead the 600,000 ratepayers on the Penang Island who comprise all the different races in the country?

I would advise Dr. Koh Tsu Koon to make it very clear to Tan Ghim Hwa that Penang does not want a racist as MPPP President, and to direct him to change his communal and racist thinking and ways.

When the DAP criticise anyone, it does not look at a person's race. We do not fear those who exploit and bully the people, whether they are Malays, Chinese or Indians, and will stand up against them for the interests of the downtrodden and oppressed.

Speech by Penang Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and Assemblyman for Padang Kota, Lim Kit Siang, in the Penang Assembly on the DAP motion to sack the MPPP and MPSP Councillors on Thursday, 18th June 1992

The Penang Barisan Nasional government, both front-bench and back-benchers, have admitted that they have a biawak, apart from 'rat running across the street', three crocodiles and a victim of the three crocodiles

I want to commend the DAP Assemblyman for Bagan Jermal, Sdr. Phee Boon Poh, for his speech yesterday in getting the Penang Barisan Nasional government, both front-bench and back-benchers, to admit that they have a biawak, apart from having a 'rat running across the street', three crocodiles and a victim of the three crocodiles.

It is true that these are terms first used by the DAP against the Penang Barisan Nasional front bench members, but what is important and significant is that these descriptions are so apt that whenever they are used, both the front-bench and backbenchers of the Penang Barisan Nasional in the Assembly, the government officers and the press, roared with laughter showing that they know who is being referred to.

In fact, the persons whom these descriptions apply have acknowledge it themselves. This was why two weeks ago, the Chief Minister tried to defend himself by saying that although he is a 'buaya', the DAP Assemblymen are 'ular'.

However, the difference here is that DAP Assemblymen totally reject such slander of the term 'ular', unlike certain Barisan Nasional front-bench members who have consciously and unconsciously admitted that they are 'rat running across the street', 'biawak' and 'crocodiles'.

The Assemblyman for Kebun Bunga, Dr. Teng Hock Nan and the Assemblyman for Penaga, Azhar bin Ibrahim, said yesterday that the motion tabled by the DAP Assemblyman for Bukit Tengah, Sdr. Chian Heng Kai, is childish.

Whoever listened to their speeches would agree about 'childishness', but it is not the motion, but their arguments and reasoning.

Azhar for instance claimed that the DAP motion is incomplete because it did not state who are to be appointed after the sacking of the MPPP and MPSP Councillors.

Sdr. Heng Kai's motion reads:

"Bahawa Dewan yang mulia ini membuat ketetapan bahawa memandangkan Majlis Perbandaran Seberang Perai dan Majlis Perbandaran Pulau Pinang telah dijadikan menjadi badan yang menyulitkan penduduk-penduduk dari pelbagai aspek di Seberang Perai dan Pulau Pinang, maka Dewan ini mengarahkan Kerajaan Negeri Pulau Pinang memecatkan semua Ahli Majlis, kedua-dua Majlis Perbandaran ini dengan serta-merta dan menggantikan mereka dengan orang-orang yang benar berhasrat untuk berkhidmat kepada rakyat."

A person of common and basic intelligence will not claim that this motion is incomplete because it did not name the persons to be appointed after the sacking of the MPPP and MPSP Councillors.

This is because it is for the State Exco to appoint the new MPPP and MPSP Councillors after the sacking of adoption and implementation of this motion, in accordance with the present Local Government Act.

Or is Azhar suggesting that when the present MPPP and MPSP Councillors are sacked, the Penang Exco would not be able to find another 48 people who are more competent,

committed and efficient to be appointed as MPPP and MPSP Councillors?

It is all right if Azhar wants to insult himself by proclaiming himself as utterly incompetent, inefficient and uncommitted and therefore unfit to serve as MPSP Councillor, but he should not insult the one million people of Penang by claiming that they will be even worse than the MPSP and MPPP Councillors - whom the Gerakan President, Datuk Dr. Lim Keng Yaik, and the UMNO National Vice President, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, have condemned as 'decadent, impotent inefficient'!

I am sure the whole Assembly was astounded by a wild accusation by Azhar, when he said that DAP is trying to drive away Taiwan investments from Penang by 'memburuk-burukan' the Chinese in Penang in order to win the support of the other races.

It is clear that Azhar has been influenced by certain Exco members who have developed the art of 'biawakism' to a high level, like the State Exco Member and Assemblyman for Sungei Pinang, Dr. Kang Chin Seng.

I challenge Azhar to produce proof as to which DAP Assemblyman had 'memburuk-burukan' the Chinese in Penang in order to frighten away Taiwanese investors and to win the support of the other races.

If Azhar cannot produce proof, he must have the human humility to withdraw and apologise for such a wild allegation. If not, he would be confirmed as the disciple of the Biawak of Gerakan!

Dr. Teng Hock Nam also said that this motion is 'a childish motion moved only to gain cheap publicity.'

Challenge to Penang Government to join DAP in mov-

ing an emergency motion to condemn Keng Yaik and Anwar Ibrahim for making baseless and unfounded allegations against the MPPP and MPSP as being 'decadent, impotent and inefficient'

It is Dr. Teng who is being 'childish' in his argument. Furthermore, Dr. Teng has a personal axe to grind, for he had himself been a MPPP Councillor for about ten years.

A censure motion on the MPPP would be a censure of his 10-year appointment as MPPP Councillor as well.

It is most dishonest of Dr. Teng for not declaring that he had a personal interest in opposing the DAP motion.

Is Dr. Teng suggesting that those who regard the MPPP Councillors as having failed in their duties are 'childish'? In this case, why didn't he have the courage to tell his party president, Datuk Dr. Lim Keng Yaik and the Penang UMNO Chairman, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, for being 'childish' in condemning the MPPP and MPSP for being 'decadent, impotent and inefficient'?

Deputy Chief Minister, Dr. Ibrahim Saad, said yesterday that past comments on the MPPP and MPSP, that they are 'decadent, impotent and inefficient' by Keng Yaik and Anwar Ibrahim are "entirely their own opinions."

It is such statements which are really 'childish' apart from being highly hypocritical. Who is Ibrahim Saad trying to bluff?

If what the Federal Government leaders say is no business of the State, then why didn't Dr. Koh Tsu Koon tell the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, to shut up when the Prime Minister said in March last year that Penang has become the 'rubbish bin of the Orient' and the dirtiest place in Malaysia?

If what Keng Yaik and Anwar said about the MPPP and MPSP as being 'decadent, impotent and inefficient' are not true, are the Penang Gerakan and UMNO Exco members and assemblymen prepared to join the DAP in moving an emergency motion today to condemn Keng Yaik and Anwar for making baseless and unfounded allegations?

If the Penang State Government is not prepared to join the DAP in moving a motion to condemn Keng Yaik and Anwar for making baseless and unfounded allegations, then their judgment that the MPPP and MPSP are 'decadent, impotent and inefficient' is correct - and the motion moved by Chian Heng Kai is completely relevant and pertinent.

Tan Ghim Hwa's contempt for the State Assembly to whom he is answerable as MPPP President justifies immediate censure

DAP Assemblymen had spoken on this motion giving strong and powerful reasons why the MPPP and MPSP Councillors should be sacked. I will not repeat what they had said.

I would focus on the MPPP and in particular the MPPP President, Tan Ghim Hwa. Tan Ghim Hwa's contempt for the State Assembly to whom he is answerable as MPPP President justifies immediate censure.

As MPPP President, Tan Ghim Hwa should be in the House for the entire debate on the motion on MPPP and MPSP, but he left the Dewan immediately this motion came up. Where is Tan Ghim Hwa now. He could spend time at the race course but he could not find time to be in the State Assembly to listen to a State Assembly debate on the MPPP.

No other Chief Minister would have tolerated such insubordination except for Dr. Koh Tsu Koon, allowing the MPPP President to show such open contempt for the State Assembly,

the Chief Minister and the Speaker.

Tan Ghim Hwa is the 'buaya puteh' to Dr. Koh Tsu Koon

It is clear that Tan Ghim Hwa behaves as if he is the master of the Assembly, rather than a servant of the Assembly, because he is the 'buaya puteh' to Dr. Koh Tsu Koon.

Just because he is the superior to Dr. Koh Tsu Koon in Penang Gerakan, he thinks that he has got not only the the Penang Chief Minister, but the entire State Assembly in his pockets, and that he could do what he likes as MPPP President.

He had for instance attacked the DAP Assemblymen outside the House a few days ago for moving this motion. Although it is perfectly proper for the Penang Gerakan chairman to make such attacks, it is rank insubordination for the MPPP President to do so.

If Tan Ghim Hwa wants to be MPPP President, than he should not say or do things that should not be done by a servant who is subordinate to the State Assembly.

As MPPP President, Tan Ghim Hwa had therefore been insubordinate and disloyal to the Penang State Assembly.

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Senator Tan Ghim Hwa has proved himself to be an inveterate racist who is completely unfit to be MPPP President with his racialist mentality and hangovers.

At the Penang Gerakan Annual General Meeting last Sunday, the Penang Gerakan state leadership led by Tan Ghim

Hwa again played its racist record that the DAP and I 'bully Chinese fear Malays' and 'bully good and fear bad'.

It is clear that what I said in the Penang State Assembly on June 4 as to what the proper attributes and qualities of a MPPP President had completely fallen on deaf ears. I am not surprised because Tan Ghim Hwa's racist mentality and hangovers have become so ingrained that he is totally incorrigible - and this is why there is a Chinese saying, "The green hills are easy to change, but the basic character are impossible to be shifted", and this fits Tan Ghim Hwa perfectly.

Only an inveterate racist like Tan Ghim Hwa would want to play the racist game of trying to incite on race against another, claiming that he was being 'bullied' as MPPP President because he is Chinese and a good man, while the DAP fear all Malays when they are all evil and bad - presumably referring to the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, the Deputy Prime Minister, Ghafar Baba, the Finance Minister, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, the Deputy Chief Minister, Ibrahim Saad, and all other UMNO leaders.

Whether Tan Ghim Hwa is right that Dr. Mahathir, Ghafar Baba, Anwar Ibrahim, Ibrahim Saad and all the other UMNO leaders are bad and evil, Tan Ghim Hwa is entitled to his opinion.

DAP will 'bully' anyone, regardless of his status, position and wealth if he bullies the ordinary people, abusing their high office and power

However, as far as the DAP and I are concerned, we do not bully anyone on the basis of race, nor do we fear anyone on the basis of colour.

DAP and I are prepared to 'bully' anyone, regardless of his status, position and wealth if he bullies the ordinary

people, abusing their high office and power and betraying the trust of the people.

Was it 'Bully Chinese Fear Malay' when I clearly declared in the Penang State Assembly that the DAP would not recognise Dr. Ibrahim Saad as the Deputy Chief Minister, although he is even more powerful than the de jure Chief Minister, Dr. Koh Tsu Koon?

That Dr. Koh Tsu Koon does not have the full powers of a Chief Minister was again demonstrated in this morning's State Assembly.

When I moved a motion to implement the Penang Gerakan General Meeting resolution last Sunday to arrange for the live telecast of the Penang State Assembly sitting, which was clearly made for pure publicity purposes without clearance and approval from Penang UMNO, Dr. Koh with the six other Gerakan Exco Members and Assemblymen dare not stand up to support the motion.

He was reduced to having to call a press conference outside the Assembly to state that he was personally in favour of live telecast. If a Chief Minister cannot put into practice what was adopted by the Penang Gerakan General Meeting last Sunday, and which he said he favours personally, isn't this proof that he is only a de jure Chief Minister but not a de facto Chief Minister?

Was it 'Bully Chinese Fear Malay' when I criticised and clashed with Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, Ghafar Baba, Anwar Ibrahim and other UMNO big-guns in Parliament?

Was it 'Bully Chinese Fear Malay' when I spoke up what nobody in Gerakan dared to speak, in the numerous scandals in the country, as for instance in the North-South Highway scandal when the privatisation award was given to United Engineers Malaysia (UEM), the Bank Pertanian scandal or

recently, when I publicly criticised the Lord President, Tun Hamid Omar, for his public statements and even said that I was prepared to consider moving a motion against him in Parliament?

If I 'Bully Chinese and Fear Malay', I would have become a 'Tan Sri' if not a 'Tun' by today

If Tan Ghim Hwa is right that I 'Bully Chinese and Fear Malay', then I would never have been detained twice under the Internal Security Act for 35 months? In fact, I believe I would have become a 'Tan Sri' if not a 'Tun' by today, if I 'Bully Chinese and Fear Malay'.

Those who talk and think in terms of 'Bully Chinese Fear Malays' are inveterate racists who have never risen above their racist mental grooves. The whole country has grown up in the last 35 years since Merdeka in 1957 to become Malaysians, but the mental horizon of Tan Ghim Hwa and his kind have been frozen in their racist moulds, and had not grown at all in the past three decades.

To Tan Ghim Hwa and his ilk, they can have no vision 2020 but the blinkers of 1950.

Tan Ghim Hwa is as racist as Samy Vellu, who accuse me of being anti-Indians for exposing the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal, where Samy Vellu had betrayed the trust of the 66,000 MAIKA shareholders and the 1.7 million Indian community; or as racist as certain UMNO leaders who accused me of being anti-Malay for exposing corruption and financial scandals involving UMNO leaders; or as racist as MCA leaders who accuse me of being anti-Chinese for exposing financial scandals and breach of trust of MCA leaders.

I want to ask Tan Ghim Hwa why the DAP should 'Fear Malay'? Is this because the Gerakan leaders like him and his

juniors in Penang Gerakan, who includes the Penang Chief Minister Dr. Koh Tsu Koon, 'Fear Malay'?

I have only one fear in my 25-years of political life - that I will fail the trust and confidence that the people had placed in me.

Another favourite accusation of Penang Gerakan under the leadership of Tan Ghim Hwa is the allegation of 'Use Chinese to control Chinese'. In fact, Tan Ghim Hwa as MPPP President had accused me of 'Disgrace Race and Abandon Rights' when I criticised him for his scandal of the four-minute MPPP Council meeting of 12th March 1992.

Tan Ghim Hwa is Chinese-educated and I am not, but I think I have to give him a lesson and all Gerakan leaders in Penang Government, whether in State Government or Municipality, a lesson on the meaning of 'Use Chinese to control Chinese'.

Samy Vellu employed the 'Use Chinese to control Chinese' strategy beautifully when he got MCA and Gerakan to support him to get me suspended from Parliament till the end of the year to suppress further disclosures of the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal

The Chinese cannot themselves be applying the 'Use Chinese to control Chinese tactics', but refers to another different racial group masterminding the strategy. As Tan Ghim Hwa and the Gerakan had been making this allegation of 'Use Chinese to control Chinese' against the DAP for decades, are they suggesting that UMNO is the different racial group which is applying the 'Use Chinese to control Chinese' tactic?

But if this is the case, why then are the Gerakan leaders serving the UMNO leaders, whether at the Federal, State or Municipal level, throughout the country?

Tan Ghim Hwa and the Penang Gerakan leaders make blind and irresponsible accusations against the DAP without really understanding the real meaning of 'Use Chinese to control Chinese'.

In any event, Tan Ghim Hwa should know that if there is really a 'Use Chinese to Control Chinese' strategy in Malaysia, then it can only be 'using' the Gerakan which has only 20 per cent Chinese support to 'control' the DAP which has 80 per cent Chinese support, and not the other way round!

In fact, someone made a very perceptive observation recently that the strategy of 'Use Chinese Control Chinese' worked beautifully when the MIC President succeeded in getting MCA and Gerakan support to suspend me from Parliament until the end of the year in order to suppress the further expose of the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

Ghim Hwa has politicised the position of MPPP President to launch a campaign of lies against the DAP of 'Disgrace Race Abandon Rights' and about the DAP's support for hukum hudud

The Penang Chief Minister, Dr. Koh Tsu Koon, and the Exco member in charge of local government, Dr. Goh Cheng Teik, but who have been imposed the political 'hukum hudud', had often said that the two Municipal Councils should not be politicised.

But Tan Ghim Hwa has politicised the position of MPPP President to launch a campaign of lies against the DAP of 'Disgrace Race Abandon Rights' and about the DAP's support for hukum hudud.

It is clear that the MPPP President had colluded with the Gerakan Central Publicity Bureau director and Exco member,

Dr. Kang Chin Seng, to put up ten thousand posters of lies about the DAP's support for PAS in wanting to introduce hukum hudud, especially on the Chinese and the non-Muslim Malaysians.

This poster is not only untrue, but most irresponsible in playing with fire with the constitutional rights and religious sensitivities of the different races in the country, hoping to set one race against another race, one religion against another religion.

If the MPPP President is responsible, he would not have allowed such a highly irresponsible, insensitive and dishonest poster to be plastered in their thousands on the Penang island.

Instead, Tan Ghim Hwa collaborated with Kang Chin Seng, who boasted his authorship of the poster in the State Assembly on June 5, to put up such posters throughout the MPPP.

This poster is a lie because the DAP had never supported PAS in its intention to impose hukum hudud, especially on non-Muslim Malaysians.

The DAP's stand is made very clear in my speech in Parliament in the debate on the Royal Address on April 29, 1992, where I said:

"On behalf of the DAP, let me declare that the DAP opposes and condemns any effort from any quarter to disregard the constitutional rights and religious sensitivities of the non-Muslim Malaysians by seeking to impose hukum hudud laws on them.

"At the moment, this threat comes not only from certain PAS leaders but also from Dr. Mahathir who is prepared to get the Federal Government to amend the Constitution to open the way for such an eventuality".

This was announced by Dr. Mahathir in his famous or notorious April 16 speech in Johore Bahru proclaiming the new Barisan Nasional Federal Government policy abandoning the 35-year Federal Government policy to uphold the secular Federal Constitution. Dr. Mahathir announced that the Federal Government would not henceforth oppose or prevent PAS from imposing hukum hudud and would even amend the Federal Constitution to allow PAS to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

Lim Keng Yaik and Kang Chin Seng had supported Mahathir on the amendment of the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on the Chinese in Kelantan to 'teach the Chinese in Kelantan a lesson'

It was Gerakan and not DAP which gave immediate and full support to Dr. Mahathir to amend the Federal Constitution to allow PAS to impose hukum hudud on the Chinese and non-Muslims in Kelantan.

Gerakan President, Datuk Dr. Lim Keng Yaik, said in Batu Pahat on April 18 that Gerakan fully supported Dr. Mahathir, and at the Butterworth Lim Clans Association dinner which we attended on April 19, Dr. Lim Keng Yaik said that the Chinese in Kelantan should be taught a lesson for supporting PAS and have their hands and feet amputated.

This is proved by the Nanyang Siang Pau of April 20, 1992 which reported Keng Yaik's speech in Batu Pahat with the following headlines: "Lim Keng Yaik: Let Kelantan State Government Implement Hukum Hudud - Gerakan Supports the Decision of the Prime Minister"

This was also the tenor of the speech by Dr. Kang Chin Seng who was representing the Penang Chief Minister, suggesting that since the Chinese in Kelantan had supported PAS, they should be allowed to freedom to have the hukum hudud

with the penalties of amputation of hands and feet, whipping and stoning, imposed on them.

Can Dr. Kang Chin Seng deny the speech made by the Gerakan President and himself?

It is therefore the height of hypocrisy for Dr. Kang to try to spread lies and falsehoods claiming that the DAP supported PAS in the imposition of hukum hudud on the Chinese and the non-Muslim Malaysians.

The Kang Chin Seng poster of lies had the wording: "Kit Siang, you have to stop hudud laws in Kelantan!"

The DAP will never run away from the party founding principles of preserving a secular Constitution and nation, and we will oppose as we had done in the past quarter of a century to oppose any attempt to undermine the secular basis of the Federal Constitution and impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

Let me tell Dr. Kang Chin Seng: The place to stop any attempt to undermine the secular Federal Constitution and impose hukum hudud on non-Muslims is in Parliament, and the DAP MPs will stand by our principles.

It is the Gerakan which had betrayed its political principles in supporting the abandonment of the 35-year Federal Government policy to uphold the secular Constitution. For 35 years from August 31, 1957 to April 16, 1992, if there was any proposal in Parliament to amend the Federal Constitution to undermine the secular basis of the Constitution and impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, the Barisan Nasional Federal Government would have commanded 100 per cent of its MPs to oppose 100 per cent such a proposal.

But today, after the April 16 Johore Bahru new Federal Government policy which had the full support of Gerakan

including Dr. Koh Tsu Koon and Dr. Kang Chin Seng, if there is a proposal to amend the Federal Constitution which would undermine its secular basis and guarantee and impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, the Barisan Nasional has abandoned its 35-year policy and will not command 100 per cent of its MPs to oppose 100 per cent such a proposal.

Isn't this a great betrayal of the Gerakan's founding party principles?

It was precisely to mislead the people of Penang that Tan Ghim Hwa collaborated with Dr. Kang Chin Seng to put up such highly insensitive, irresponsible and dishonest posters in the MPPP, when Tan Ghim Hwa should have instructed such posters to be taken down to safeguard inter-racial and inter-religious goodwill and harmony in the MPPP.

In fact, the Penang police had to direct the Penang Chief Minister and the MPPP to get these highly offensive posters to be taken down.

Isn't this a classic example of the failure of the MPPP President to carry out his duties as the respected leader of 600,000 ratepayers on Penang Island which comprise all races?

On this ground alone, the MPPP President should be sacked. Did the MPPP Councillors ever express their concern and shock at such Gerakan posters being put up in their thousands in the MPPP, setting one race against another, one religion against another?

As a result of this poster, another poster was put up, this time by Penang MCA - which was even worse, this time showing a hand with the right thumb and right hand being amputated.

Tan Ghim Hwa has no vision about Penang of the 21st

century and becoming a model city for Asia and even the world

As the Penang Chief Minister cannot and dare not discipline Tan Ghim Hwa as MPPP President, the State Assembly must tell him in no uncertain terms that the people of Penang do not want a racist to become MPPP President, who is only interested in politicising his post and office for the benefit of Gerakan regardless of sensitivities to the various races and religions in the country.

For this reason, the Penang Gerakan delegates' conference resolution on the MPPP is utterly meaningless.

How can the Penang Gerakan give endorsement for instance to the scandal of four-minute meeting of the first MPPP full council chaired by Tan Ghim Hwa.

It is clear by now that Tan Ghim Hwa is throughly devoid of vision, plans, programmes, ideas or notions about how to make Penang into a city which will be the model not only for Malaysia but for Asia and even the world as a historic city and civic and cultural centre which is a pleasant place to work, live and visit.

Tan Ghim Hwa has expressed no vision for Penang of the 21st century or how to deal with the many complex problems of traffic, housing, public transport, security, hygiene, cleanliness and an ever higher quality of life for Penangites.

The scandal of Lakhbir Singh at the Bassilino Discotheque

The 'decadence, impotence and inefficiency' of the MPPP Councillors can also be seen by their failure to control the MPPP Secretary, Lakhbir Singh.

Sometime in early December 1991, Lakhbir's son together

with a friend (son of a medical practitioner in partnership with Lakhbir's wife) went to Bassilino Discotheque in Park Royal Hotel, Batu Ferringhi, at almost closing time at around 3 a.m. when it had stopped serving drinks.

Lakhbir's son insisted on being served although told that the bar had closed, and demanded to see the manager of the Discotheque. One of them insisted on being the D.J. They created a scene when this demand was refused, and they had to be asked to leave the Discotheque by two bouncers.

While going out, Lakhbir's son slipped and fell and injured himself.

Two days later, Lakhbir went personally to the Discotheque about about 10 p.m. and insisted to see the bouncers, and when they came, insulted them and spat on them with the remark: "You Malay fellows are all the same." Lakhbir also threatened that he could close down the Discotheque.

Lakhbir went to the Discotheque with about 20 to 30 thugs who gathered outside the cark-park, and the Police had to be summoned by the Hotel management.

Lakhbir was invited by the Management to the Hotel coffee house.

The two bouncers made two police reports over the incident, but they were later told by the management to resign.

Did the MPPP Council ever discuss this scandalous incident involving the MPPP Secretary, Lakhbir Singh - and if not, this is another proof of the 'decadence, impotence and inefficiency' of the MPPP Councillors.

Tan Ghim Hwa claimed that the MPPP Councillors are very hard-working, and "more hardworking than all the DAP State Assemblymen".

If this is so, that the MPPP Councillors are so hard-working and popular, we challenge the the State Government to hold a referendum as to whether the MPPP and MPSP Cokouncillors should all be sacked and replaced by an elective system, and let the people make a judgement on the MPPP and MPSP Councillors.

I have no doubt whatsoever that if such a referendum is held, the people of Penang in both Municipalities would return a clear verdict to sack the MPPP and MPSP Councillors and for them to be replaced by an elective system.

Even UMNO branches are unhappy about the favouritism in the appointment of MPPP Councillors

During the debate, many Barisan Nasional Assemblymen claim that the two Municipal Councils are full of dedicated, hardworking, professional and intellectual members and that they were appointed according to their merit.

In the latest issue of Watan, the Taman Brown UMNO Branch has protested against the bias and favouritism in the appointment of MPPP Councillors.

This is the Watan report:

"Wakil-wakil UMNO yang dipilih menjadi Ahli Majlis Perbandaran Tempatan dan Pengerusi Badan Badan Berkanun kerajaan perlu diasaskan kepada kelayakan akademik, pengalaman, berakhlak mulia dan umur."

The Watan report quoted Datuk Hamid Araby, the head of the Taman Brown UMNO Branch, as follows:

"Menurutnya, pemilihan sebelum ini dilakukan atas dasar pilih kasih kerana mereka yang dipilih adalah di kalangan yang menyandang jawatan, manakala mereka yang berpen-

galaman diketipan.

"Syed Hamid Araby menyifatkan tindakan itu tidak wajar kerana terdapat kalangan mereka yang dipilih tidak perbelajaran dan tidak berpengalaman luas dalam parti.

"UMNO mesti lebih peka atas perkara ini. Jika tidak, kemungkinan besar parti kita akan dipersendakan oleh parti-parti lain.

"Ini kerana parti-parti lain biasanya diwakili oleh ahli yang berpelajaran, berpengalaman, professional dan tidak mentah. Sanggupkah kita melihat parti kita dianggap sebagai parti golongan tidak berpelajaran dan mentah," soal beliau?"

It is clear that it is not only the DAP and the people who are dissatisfied with the appointment and performance of the Municipal Councillors, but also among the UMNO rank and file.

The appointment of Municipal Councillors is not based on merit but based on favouritism. There is a competition among the members of the Barisan Nasional component parties for appointment to the Municipal Councils, not to serve the people, but as stepping stones for their self-advancement.

As a result, appointment to the Municipal Councils have become a stepping-stone to a career of 'decadence, impotence and inefficiency', biawak-ism and even corruption and not to public service of the people and state.

The stand taken by the Taman Brown UMNO Branch for appointment of Municipal Councillors on the basis of their merit is a final argument as to why the motion to sack the MPPP and MPSP Councillors should be supported.

Speech by Penang Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and Assemblyman for Padang Kota, Lim Kit Siang, in the Penang State Assembly on Thursday, June 18, 1992 on the DAP motion to refer the Chief Minister, Dr. Koh Tsu Koon, to Committee of Privileges for misleading the Assembly

Koh Tsu Koon is expounding a dangerous theory of government which seeks to destroy the principles of individual and collective Ministerial responsibility

I had not originally intended to speak on this motion moved by the DAP Assemblyman for Paya Terubong, Sdr. Teoh Teik Huat, to refer the Chief Minister, Dr. Koh Tsu Koon, to the Committee of Privileges for misleading the House on December 14, 1991 when he gave an undertaking that the Penang Municipal Council (MPPP) would rebuild the two dwellings at Thean Teik estate which it had demolished to lay sewerage works. This undertaking had been dishonoured and the Chief Minister had therefore misled the House.

I decided to speak after listening to the explanation by the Chief Minister, Dr. Koh Tsu Koon, for he was expounding a most dangerous theory of government which seeks to destroy the principle of individual Ministerial responsibility and the principle of collective Ministerial responsibility, and destroy the whole system of parliamentary government as well.

Dr. Koh Tsu Koon made great play of the fact that he never gave an undertaking in the Penang State Assembly on December 14, 1991 when replying to a motion on the subject by Sdr. Teoh Teik Huat, asking repeatedly as to where in the Penang State Assembly Hansard did he say "Saya Berjanji".

This is most shocking and extraordinary stance for the

Chief Minister to take, especially from one who is so highly educated as Dr. Koh Tsu Koon.

When Koh Tsu Koon speaks in the house, he speaks with the full responsibility of a Chief Minister and not as a burung tiong of Lakhbir Singh.

Let me tell Dr. Koh Tsu Koon when he stands up in the State Assembly and replies to the Opposition on any subject, he is talking as a Chief Minister and not acting as a postman for any government department or subordinate.

Thus when he speaks in the State Assembly on the MPPP, he speaks with the full responsibility as Chief Minister and not as a burung tiong (parrot) of Lakhbir Singh, the MPPP Secretary who is in the House.

The State Assembly is not interested in Lakhbir's views or stand, but in the Chief Minister's stand, and when the Chief Minister answers in the State Assembly on matters concerning the MPPP, he must accept full responsibility for every word and statement because the Chief Minister had adopted the position of the MPPP and must assume personal responsibility.

Thus when Dr. Koh Tsu Koon told the House on Dec. 14 last year that the MPPP had given an undertaking to rebuild the two Thean Teik estate dwellings to their original condition, he was not just acting as Lakhbir Singh's burung tiong (parrot), but had adopted the MPPP undertaking with the full responsibility of the Chief Minister's office. There is no need for him to say the two words "Saya Berjanji" for him to be held responsible for such an undertaking in the Assembly.

I will give an illustration, using the 4,000 over appeals against the marking of last year's SPM Bahasa Malaysia paper. If the Education Minister had given an undertaking that the re-marking of the 4,000 SPM Bahasa Malaysia would be

conducted fairly and honestly, and it could be proved that the Malaysian Examinations Syndicate had not conducted the re-marking in a fair and honest manner, can the Education Minister evade responsibility by saying that he was only communicating the undertaking of the Examinations Syndicate?

If the Education Minister can evade responsibility in this fashion, then the principle of individual Ministerial responsibility would be destroyed and the whole basis of parliamentary government would be undermined.

I am very shocked that I need to lecture Dr. Koh Tsu Koon on such a basic, elementary and rudimentary principle of parliamentary government. I want to ask Dr. Koh Tsu Koon: What is happening to you?

The UMNO Assemblyman for Seberang Jaya who is the de facto Chief Minister, Dr. Ibrahim Saad, knows that Dr. Koh Tsu Koon had committed a great blunder in trying to shirk responsibility by claiming that he had not personally giving any undertaking, but was only stating the position of the MPPP.

This is why Dr. Ibrahim Saad tried to 'save' Dr. Koh Tsu Koon by proposing a most unprecedented motion, to guillotine the debate on this motion so that I could not stand up to expose Dr. Koh Tsu Koon's dangerous theory of government which would destroy the principle of individual Ministerial responsibility and the principle of collective Ministerial responsibility.

Koh Tsu Koon's writ as Chief Minister does not run to MPPP as he is in the pocket of the MPPP President, Tan Ghim Hwa

Was Koh Tsu Koon misled by the MPPP to falsely make such an undertaking in the Penang State Assembly on Dec.

Can Koh Tsu Koon claim that he is not responsible for the failure of MPPP to comply with the undertaking to restore the two Thean Teik buildings to their original condition after completion of sewerage works, after he had given such an undertaking in the State Assembly?

A consent order was handed down by the Penang High Court on December 19 binding the MPPP to rebuild the two Thean Teik Estate dwellings, namely No. 267-A and 267-H, Thean Teik Estate belonging to Teoh Chong Poh after the completion of the sewerage works. The time frame was that the sewage works was to be completed within two months from the demolition of the two houses on November 11, 1991 and the reinstatement works to be completed not later than three months from the date of the completion of the sewage works.

As the sewage works were completed by the end of December 1991, this means that the two Thean Teik dwellings should have been rebuilt by the MPPP by the end of March 1992.

If Dr. Koh Tsu Koon had not known that the MPPP had violated the undertaking that he had given in the State Assembly, then it is another matter. However, he has no such excuse, for on February 26, 1992, I issued a press statement drawing the attention of Dr. Koh Tsu Koon that his undertaking in the the Penang Assembly to rebuild the two demolished dwellings had not been honoured.

A responsible Chief Minister would have acted immediately to make sure that the MPPP comply with the undertaking that he had given to the Assembly.

However, it would appear that Dr. Koh Tsu Koon's writ as Chief Minister does not run to the MPPP at all. By

February 26, 1992, Tan Ghim Hwa had already been appointed MPPP President. Dr. Koh Tsu Koon's could only use his Chief Minister's post to give the MPPP President extraordinary emoluments, perks and privileges, but not to control the MPPP President.

In fact, it would appear that Dr. Koh Tsu Koon is also a little afraid of Lakhbir Singh, the MPPP President.

This is why the Lakhbir Singh, as MPPP Secretary, acted in utter contempt for the undertaking given by the Chief Minister in the Penang Assembly - even though Lakhbir Singh was personally named in an High Court injunction as to be held personally liable for the execution of the order.

The MPPP acted on the maxim 'Might is Right' and even used the law to bend and break the law.

This is a very serious matter and if the Chief Minister is referred to the the Committee of Privileges, then the Committee of Privileges would also be able to inquire as to the going-ons in the MPPP where it could violate a solemn undertaking given by the Chief Minister in the State Assembly.

Dr. Koh Tsu Koon said that on March 5, 1992, the MPPP applied to the High Court for a variation to the Consent Order of December 19, 1991 because of a 'new development'.

What is this 'new development' for which the MPPP is applying for a variation to the Consent Order so that the MPPP need not rebuild and reinstate the two Thean Teik Estate dwellings?

This so-called 'new development' is that the site of the two dwellings is to be a public road. Is Dr. Koh Tsu Koon saying that the MPPP never knew that the site was to be a public road when it agreed to the Consent Order on December 19, 1991?

It is clear that the Chief Minister had been most irresponsible in his handling of this matter in the State Assembly.

The motion is very apt and important because the Chief Minister and the State Exco Members had not been serious in their duties in the State Assembly, making statements and assurances for which they do not want to take responsibility, and even telling lies and falsehoods in the House.

I will give four other instances to show the lack of responsibility of the Chief Minister and the State Exco Members about their duties in the Assembly.

Koh Tsu Koon has flown the White Flag of Surrender in not replying to the many points raised in the debate to sack of the MPPP and MPSP Councillors

Firstly, Dr. Koh Tsu Koon had repeatedly shown contempt for the Assembly. Yesterday, for instance, when I queried the propriety of the purchase of TEN shares by way of a motion without a supplementary supply estimates, Dr. Koh Tsu Koon asked the State Legal Adviser to intervene.

When I told the State Legal Adviser that all expenditures must come from the state consolidated fund, either from the supply or development estimates (or supplementary estimates) and that there is no third category of 'investment funds', the State Legal Adviser promised to look into the matter.

But Dr. Koh Tsu Koon went outside the Assembly to call a press conference to claim that the State Government was right. This is contempt of the House.

There was another incident yesterday. When I suggested the adoption of the Penang Gerakan Delegates Conference resolution on the live telecast of Penang State Assembly, Dr. Koh Tsu Koon dared not make a commitment inside the House, but again called a press conference outside the Assem-

bly to say he personally was in favour of live telecast. We are not interested in Dr. Koh Tsu Koon's 'personal favours or disfavours' but in the official stand of the Chief Minister on the live telecast of the Penang State Assembly.

In the press conference, Tsu Koon also said that he was waiting for the Gerakan to send him the resolution on live telecast. What game is Tsu Koon playing, when he is a Penang Gerakan leader and attended the Penang Gerakan Delegates' Conference? Is he saying that he has never seen the resolution?

Tsu Koon also said that he would refer the matter to the Federal Government. This shows that he is not serious, and is expecting the Federal Government to 'save' him by rejecting the proposal.

The second example of the irresponsibility of the Chief Minister and State Excocs in the State Assembly is to be seen from their failure to address issues raised by the Opposition in the Assembly as for instance, the failure to discipline the MPPP President, Tan Ghim Hwa, from continuing to make racist statements.

Thirdly, Dr. Koh Tsu Koon seems to have flown the White Flag of Surrender as the press, the government servants as well as the Opposition were expecting him and the Exco Member for Sungai Pinang, Dr. Kang Chin Seng, to make a spirited defence of the MPPP and MPSP as well as to launch ferocious attacks on the DAP in the final stage of the debate on the DAP motion to sack the MPPP and MPSP Councillors. Instead, the entire Barisan Nasional front bench collapsed, disappointing and even shocking the government servants, the public gallery and the press! Dr. Koh Tsu Koon was unable to respond to many of the issues I raised this morning, as for instance the scandal of Lakhbir Singh at the Bassilino Discotheque.

Fourthly, the utterly irresponsible actions of State Exco members, particularly Dr. Kang Chin Seng, in telling lies and falsehoods inside the Assembly, especially with regard to DAP supporting PAS in the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

Let this motion be a lesson and reminder to Dr. Koh Tsu Koon and the State Exco members that they have to take their duties in the State Assembly seriously.

Speech by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjong, Lim Kit Siang, at the Machang Buboh DAP Branch official opening dinner held at Machang Buboh, Bukit Mertajam, on Saturday, 20th June 1992 at 8 pm

I met the ACA Federal Territory Director, Nordin Ismail, this morning to give him information and leads to help in the ACA investigations into the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal

I met the Anti-Corruption Agency Federal Territory Director, Nordin Ismail, and other ACA officers in Kuala Lumpur for over an hour this morning to give them information and leads to help in the ACA investigations into the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

The ACA's credibility and public confidence in the agency will hinge on the outcome of the ACA's handling of this investigations.

I told the ACA Federal Territory Director that I am prepared to co-operate and give whatever help in the investigations into the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

I am also prepared to meet the Anti-Corruption Agency Director-General, Tan Sri Haji Zulkifli Mahmood.

Koh Tsu Koon has proved that he is only Chief Minister de jure but not Chief Minister de facto

The recent Penang State Assembly meeting has proved that Dr. Koh Tsu Koon is de jure Chief Minister but not the de

facto Chief Minister.

His powers are circumscribed not only by the Deputy Chief Minister, Dr. Ibrahim Saad, but also by the MPPP President, Tan Ghim Hwa.

There were many instances of this in the two-day extension of the Penang State Assembly earlier this week.

Tan Ghim Hwa boycotted the State Assembly when it was debating the motion by DAP Assemblyman for Bukit Tengah, Chian Heng Kai, for the sacking of the MPPP and MPSP Councillors and the motion by DAP Assemblyman for Paya Terubong, Teoh Teik Huat, on the motion relating to the MPPP violating the Chief Minister's undertaking in the Assembly on the rebuilding of two Thean Teik Estate dwellings demolished for sewerage works.

In boycotting the State Assembly, the MPPP President was not only defying the State Assembly, but defying the Chief Minister as well.

When the Chief Minister could not direct the MPPP President even to attend the State Assembly meeting, it is clear that his powers are being circumscribed.

What is shocking is the open and public manner in which Dr. Koh Tsu Koon's powers had been circumscribed by Dr. Ibrahim Saad.

For instance, when I raised in the State Assembly the resolution adopted by the Penang Gerakan Delegates Conference last Sunday for the live telecast of the State Assembly and proposed that the Assembly accept the Penang Gerakan resolution, Dr. Koh Tsu Koon was shocked.

I had told Dr. Koh that the 13 DAP Assemblymen plus the seven Gerakan Assemblymen were more than enough to carry

my amendment motion to provide for live telecast for the Penang State Assembly, even if the 12 UMNO Assemblymen did not agree.

However, Dr. Koh did not dare to support the DAP proposal to implement the Penang Gerakan Delegates Conference on live telecast for Penang State Assembly, because he had not got the clearance and permission from the Penang UMNO.

Another instance was the manner in which Dr. Koh Tsu Koon flew the white flag of surrender in the debate on Heng Kai's motion to sack the MPPP and MPSP Councillors. After I had spoken on Thursday morning, showing why Tan Ghim Hwa was not fit to be MPPP President, as well as criticising the roles of Dr. Koh Tsu Koon and Dr. Kang Chin Seng, the press, the government servants and the public gallery were all waiting for Dr. Koh Tsu Koon and the Gerakan Exco member Dr. Kang Chin Seng to put up a spirited defence and launch a fierce offensive against the DAP.

However, the Gerakan simply collapsed and neither Dr. Koh Tsu Koon nor Dr. Kang Chin Seng could reply to the DAP criticisms on them. Although Goik Hock Lai, the political secretary to the Chief Minister, was supposed to speak in defence of Dr. Koh Tsu Koon, it was clear that Dr. Ibrahim Saad decided that the whole debate should be wound up on the government's side by Dr. Goh Cheng Teik only.

The final instance was the attempt by the Deputy Chief Minister, Dr. Ibrahim Saad, to 'guillotine' the debate on the motion by Teoh Teik Huat to refer Dr. Koh Tsu Koon to the Committee of Privileges. Dr. Koh Tsu Koon had publicly said that the State Assembly could meet for two or three days on its resumption on Wednesday.

However, in utter disregard for this public undertaking by Dr. Koh Tsu Koon, Dr. Ibrahim Saad decided to end the

whole State Assembly on the afternoon of the second day of the Assembly by trying to move a motion to 'guillotine' the debate on Teik Huat's motion.

Dr. Ibrahim Saad did this to prevent me from speaking and to 'save' Dr. Koh Tsu Koon from being criticised for expounding a dangerous theory of government which would destroy the principle of individual Ministerial responsibility. He did not succeed. But this instance showed that Dr. Ibrahim Saad could act in open disregard of a public undertaking made by Dr. Koh Tsu Koon, while Dr. Koh Tsu Koon must get clearance and approval from UMNO for every step and move.

Ling Liong Sik must be the only person in the country who does not want \$1 billion worth of shares for the Chinese community but is happy with \$25 million cash only

I visited Sabah for six days and was busy with the Penang State Assembly when I returned from Sabah. But during this period, even when I was in Sabah, I was being attacked daily by the MCA President, Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik and the other MCA Ministers, for trying to destroy the MCA's fund-raising campaign for Tunku Abdul Rahman College (TAR).

Neither Liong Sik nor any of the MCA Ministers could produce any proof that the DAP had ever asked the Chinese community not to donate to TAR, but they still want to continue with their propaganda of lies and falsehoods. This is the best proof of the political bankruptcy of the MCA leadership today!

DAP will never discourage the Chinese community from making contributions to the TAR.

It was Liong Sik and the MCA Ministers who compelled the DAP to declare our stand on TAR as to why we have

reservations about TAR - about its historic origins to 'kill' Merdeka University when it was conceived in 1968, and our view that as a component party of the ruling government, the MCA Ministers should get the Cabinet to make an additional grant of \$25 million.

Liong Sik could not explain why if the MIC President, Datuk Samy Vellu, could get 10 million Telekom shares for MAIKA for the Indian community (although nine million shares were subsequently hijacked), the four MCA Ministers could not get at least 30 million Telekom shares for the educational, social, cultural and religious advancement of the Chinese community.

In fact, MIC had also got government allocation to MAIKA of shares of privatised government agencies and companies, like MAS, MISC, EON, Guthrie, TV 3, etc. If the MCA Ministers had secured for the Chinese community a fair share of the national economic cake by getting a proportionate allocation of such shares, the Chinese community would have today shares worth at least \$1 billion.

Liong Sik said he is happy with the \$25 million given by the Government for TAR.

The MCA President must be the only person in the country who does not want \$1 billion worth of shares for the Chinese community and is happy only with \$25 million cash.

If the Chinese community has a bank of shares worth \$1 billion, the \$25 million needed for TAR expansion will be mere petty cash! There would also be hundreds of millions of ringgit for the 60 Chinese Independent Secondary Schools, the over 1,000 Chinese primary schools as well as for other educational, social, cultural and religious projects.

Can the MCA President explain why he is so generous at the expense of the Chinese community, in giving up \$1 billion

worth of shares in return for \$25 million only?

Is this the way the MCA Ministers fight for the legitimate rights of the Malaysian Chinese in Cabinet and Government?

It is precisely because Liong Sik and the MCA Ministers are unable to explain why they had betrayed the rights and interests of the Chinese community in giving up \$1 billion worth of shares in exchange for \$25 million for TAR that they had to resort to lies and falsehoods against the DAP.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjong, Lim Kit Siang, in Penang on Monday, June 22, 1992:

The total collapse and surrender of Dr. Koh Tsu Koon and Dr. Kang Chin Seng in the State Assembly debates is further highlighted by their having to ask the Penang Gerakan Publicity Bureau to fire a 'horse rear-shot' outside the House when the Assembly had ended

In the recent Penang State Assembly, the Chief Minister, Dr. Koh Tsu Koon and the Gerakan Exco member, Dr. Kang Chin Seng, totally collapsed and surrendered in their argument and debate with the DAP Assemblymen, particularly on the motion by DAP Assemblyman for Bukit Tengah, Chian Heng Kai, to sack the MPPP and MPSP Councillors.

Dr. Koh Tsu Koon and Dr. Kang Chin Seng dared not reply in the debate although government servants, the press, the public and even Barisan backbenchers were expecting them to reply to the many criticisms made against them, in particular on Dr. Kang Chin Seng's irresponsible behaviour in masterminding the poster campaign of lies about DAP support for PAS on the hukum hudud issue.

It is very sad that Dr. Koh and Dr. Kang dare not reply to the DAP speeches in the State Assembly, which was the right and proper place to do.

The Penang Gerakan Publicity Bureau gave me 48 hours to reply to seven points in connection with my speeches in the State Assembly.

These are the seven points which Dr. Koh and Dr. Kang should have raised in the State Assembly, which was the right and proper place for them to be raised.

I want to ask Dr. Koh and Dr. Kang why they have to ask the Penang Gerakan Publicity Bureau to fire the 'horse rear-shot' for them?

When Dr. Koh and Dr. Kang have to ask the Penang Gerakan Publicity Bureau to reply on their behalf after the State Assembly is over, something is very wrong. It shows firstly that both Dr. Koh and Dr. Kang are suffering from very serious inferiority complex. Secondly, it shows that they know that they have no good replies to the many criticisms and points made by the DAP Assemblymen in the State Assembly.

Dr. Koh and Dr. Kang dared not raise these seven issues in the State Assembly because both of them would be opening themselves to even fiercer attacks by the DAP.

Let Dr. Koh and Dr. Kang declare whether publicly whether they adopt the statement of the Penang Gerakan Publicity Bureau before I respond to it and the 48-hour notice.

In any event, the fact that Dr. Koh and Dr. Kang had to ask the Penang Gerakan Publicity Bureau to fire 'horse rear-shot' for them when the State Assembly is over has only highlighted their total collapse and surrender to the DAP in the State Assembly recently.

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Arrival Press Conference Statement by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, at the Kota Kinabalu Airport on Thursday, 11th June 1992 at 12 noon

I will not be surprised if Joseph Pairin Kitingan steps down as Sabah Chief Minister after the PBS annual delegates conference next week

I am here to meet Sabah DAP leaders, members and supporters and to get an update of the latest political developments in Sabah.

The issue which all Sabahans and some Malaysians are asking is whether there would be snap general elections in Sabah, as the UMNO Supreme Council had specifically met to discuss its possibility on Monday and the Prime Minister and UMNO President, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed expressed his confidence about the chances of the Barisan Nasional recapturing Sabah state; and whether Datuk Seri Joseph Pairin Kitingan would step down as Sabah Chief Minister and who would succeed him.

I do not know whether there would be snap general elections in Sabah although the present government was elected into office for less than two years, but I will not be surprised if Joseph Pairin Kitingan steps down as Sabah Chief Minister after the PBS annual delegates conference next week.

If there is snap general elections, Sabah DAP will decide the question of its participation.

DAP Calls for immediate release of Jeffrey Kitingan and the other Sabahans detained under ISA

About two months ago, Joseph Pairin Kitingan publicly

appealed to the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, for the release of his brother, Dr. Jeffrey Kitingan, and other Sabahans detained under the Internal Security Act.

Joseph Pairin said that his 88-year-old father often asked for his younger son "but I have no answers to his questions".

There is no justification for the continued detention of Jeffrey Kitingan, Benedict Topin, Albinus Yudah, Damit Undikai, Abdul Rahman, Vincent Chung and Alfa Hamid.

Their detention is a world-wide advertisement of the violation of human rights and democratic freedoms in Malaysia, and is a blot on Malaysia's international reputation.

I therefore want to make use of the opportunity of my visit to Sabah to call on Dr. Mahathir Mohamed to release Jeffrey Kitingan and the other Sabahans from detention under the Internal Security Act when he returns from the Earth Summit at Rio de Janeiro.

Malaysians must express their concern at continued erosion of democratic rights in Malaysia where there is forward surge of democracy all over the world

Malaysians must express their concern at the continued erosion of democratic rights in Malaysia where there is a forward surge of democracy all over the world.

Countries which had been totalitarian for decades have now allowed the flowering of democracy, while Malaysia which had been more democratic than these countries in the past, has become more undemocratic.

Such erosion of democratic freedoms and human rights of Malaysians could be seen from the way the Barisan Nasional Federal Government is treating the state government and people of Sabah - blatantly discriminating against them for

not supporting the Barisan Nasional.

It could also be seen from the most dishonourable parliamentary episode last month where the Parliamentary Opposition Leader has been suspended from attending Parliament until the end of the year for trying to make more disclosures about the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

There is actually a close inter-relationship between an increasingly undemocratic trend in the country and a rise in corruption and political and financial scandals.

Undemocratic measures is the first resort of those who want to prevent the expose of corruptions and political and financial scandals. To them, democracy can be sacrificed provided they could be allowed their ill-gotten gains from corruption, malpractices, political and financial scandals.

In the past six weeks, Malaysians all over the country have made up their mind as to the role of the MIC President and Minister for Energy, Posts and Telecoms, Datuk Samy Vellu, in the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

In any other country except Malaysia, Samy Vellu would have resigned as Cabinet Minister or been sacked from the Cabinet long ago. In Malaysia, all he is being asked to do is to give an explanation to the Cabinet when the Prime Minister returns from the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro.

Need for a pro-democracy movement among Malaysians to check the erosion of democratic rights of the people

What is urgently needed in Malaysia today is a pro-democracy movement among Malaysians to check the erosion of democratic rights of the people. Lessons from history as well as the recent democratic flowerings in other countries in

recent years is that the people must be sufficiently conscious of their democratic rights and responsibilities if democracy is not to be stifled and suppressed.

If Malaysians wants to enjoy democratic rights, they have the democratic responsibility to stand up to defend these rights or fight off attempts to erode them.

It will be an integral part of the political struggle of the DAP to raise the consciousness of the people about the erosion of their democratic rights and the need for the people to take a stand to stop this erosion.

Press Conference Statement by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjong, Lim Kit Siang, in Kota Kinabalu on Saturday, June 13, 1992 at noon

Call on Ghafar Baba to announce the extension of the compulsory registration of illegal immigrants to Sabah where Sabahans may soon be outnumbered by illegal immigrants

I am shocked to discover that Sabah, with about 700,000 to 800,000 illegal immigrants, is excluded from the nationwide exercise on the registration of illegal immigrants.

The deadline for the registration of illegal immigrants is 17 days away on June 30, but up to now, there had only been registration of slightly over 100,000 illegal immigrants when in Peninsular Malaysia, the total number of illegal immigrants could be in the region of 800,000 to a million.

It is most shocking during my present visit to find that the Sabah Immigration Department is not registering illegal immigrants at all.

Has the Barisan Nasional Federal Government decided on a further policy of discrimination against the state and people of Sabah by deciding that illegal immigrants in Sabah need not be registered, unlike illegal immigrants in Peninsular Malaysia.

I hope that the Deputy Prime Minister, Ghafaf Baba, who is responsible for the Cabinet committee on illegal immigrants, will give a full explanation as to why Sabah has been excluded from the nationwide registration exercise for illegal immigrants when he visits Sabah early next week.

Illegal immigrants in Malaysia had been a long-standing problem for the people of Sabah since the 1970s - but there has been no alleviation, but only aggravation, of this problem over the years.

This was one of the main issues which the PBS used to topple the Harris Salleh government of Berjaya in 1985. At that time, the PBS accused the Berjaya government of allowing the illegal immigrant population in Sabah to increase from 80,000 during USNO days in 1976 to 400,000 in 1985. Now, seven years later, PBS leaders have openly estimated that the illegal immigrants population in Sabah to be over 700,000.

With illegal immigrant population in Sabah now between 700,000 to 800,000, this means that illegal immigrant population in Sabah is now one-to-two with Sabahans, and unless this trend is checked, very soon, illegal immigrants will outnumber Sabahans in Sabah itself.

In fact, one Federal Government leader had said that during day time, there is one illegal immigrant to two Sabahans; but in night-time, there are two illegal immigrants to one Sabahan.

I call on Ghafar Baba to announce when he visits Sabah next week the extension of the compulsory registration of all illegal immigrants in Sabah so that Sabah does not become the haven for illegal immigrants.

In view of the poor response to the registration of illegal immigrants in Peninsular Malaysia, where less than 20 per cent had registered, the Federal Government would have to extend the June 30 deadline by at least two months. The new deadline should be the deadline for the registration of all illegal immigrants in Sabah.

Call on Liong Sik to ask Cabinet for a policy decision not to allow MAS to operate a monopoly of passenger and

cargo air service in Sabah

The Transport Minister, Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik, had publicly supported an increase of domestic fares by MAS, on the ground that it would not be fair to the MAS shareholders to 'artificially' depress air fares.

This is a bad argument, for the interest of MAS and its shareholders must not be allowed to prevail over the public interest.

For decades, the people of Sabah and Sarawak had been unfairly exploited by MAS because it operated a monopoly of passenger and cargo air service, and could dictate what prices it wants.

Air fares for internal routes in Sabah and Sarawak had been exorbitantly high as compared to air fares in Peninsular Malaysia, and it is time that the Transport Minister think of 'fairness' to the people of Sabah and Sarawak before he talks about 'fairness' to MAS and its shareholders.

As the people of Sabah and Sarawak had suffered so long from the exorbitant MAS fares, Liong Sik should give an assurance that there would be no increase of any domestic airfares for the Sabah and Sarawak sector in any upward revision of MAS domestic fares.

I have been told that MAS imposes higher cargo charges between the Kota Kinabalu/Hong Kong sector than the Subang/Hong Kong sector, although it takes about twice the flying time to fly from Subang to Hong Kong than from Kota Kinabalu.

This is clearly most exploitative on the part of MAS and most unfair to the people of Sabah.

DAP demands that MAS revises its passenger and cargo

fares in Sabah before it talks about fairness to its shareholders. Furthermore, DAP calls on Liong Sik to ask the Cabinet to make a policy decision not to allow MAS to operate a passenger and cargo air service monopoly in Sabah and Sarawak, either by permitting a second national airline to be established, or allowing other airlines to take passengers and cargo to compete with MAS.

Speech by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjong, Lim Kit Siang, at a DAP buffet in Kota Kinabalu held on Saturday, 13th June 1992 at 7 pm

DAP calls on Barisan Nasional Government to establish a full new university in Sabah under the Sixth Malaysia Plan

As a result of repeated calls and pressures from the DAP, the Cabinet has at last approved the establishment of a full new university in Sarawak.

DAP calls on the Barisan Nasional Government also to approve the establishment of a full new university in Sabah under the Sixth Malaysia Plan 1991-1995.

There is a great national need for the establishment of a university in Sabah as there are 80,000 Malaysian students pursuing higher studies overseas because of their inability to get such opportunities locally.

They spend between \$2 to \$3 billion a year, which is an enormous sum of foreign exchange which could be saved if more universities are established in the country. The educational burden of the parents would not be so great if their children could pursue university studies at home rather than going overseas.

The establishment of a university in Sabah would also contribute towards national integration of Malaysians of all races and from all territories - especially at a time when Sabahans have been alienated by the policies of political and economic discrimination of the Barisan Nasional Federal Government.

I hope the Deputy Prime Minister, Ghafar Baba, who is taking personal charge of Sabah UMNO, would personally adopt the project of a new university in Sabah and get the approval of the Cabinet for such a new university in Sabah to be established under the Sixth Malaysia Plan.

Departure press conference statement at Kota Kinabalu Airport by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjong, Lim Kit Siang, on Sunday, 14th June 1992 at 11 a.m. before leaving for Sandakan

Federal Government being most irresponsible in still thinking about a White Paper on the detention of the seven Sabahans after three of them had been detained for over two years

Deputy Home Minister, Datuk Megat Junid Megat Ayob, said in Kota Kinabalu yesterday that a White Paper on the detention of seven Sabahans for involvement in a secession plot to take Sabah out of Malaysia would be issued only if the case is serious.

He said that "the investigation is still going on". This is a most irresponsible statement, and is further proof that the detention of the seven Sabahans under the Internal Security Act was completely 'political' in nature and has nothing to do with the security of the country.

How could a responsible Federal Government talk about still investigating the so-called secession plot and considering whether to issue a White Paper depending on the seriousness of the case, when three of the seven had been detained for over two years already.

Benedict Topin and Albinus Yudah were both arrested in May 1990 while Damit Undikai was arrested in June 1990. By next month, a fourth would have been detained for two years, namely Abdul Rahman, who was detained in July 1990. Vincent Chung was detained in January 1991, Dr. Jeffrey Kitingan in May 1991 and Ariffin alias Alfa Hamid in July 1991.

Datuk Megat Junid should state whether the Home Ministry proposes to release Benedict Topin, Albinus Yudah, Damit Undikai and Vincent Chung on the expiry of their two-year detention order, or whether they are going to be detained further under the Internal Security Act with an extension of their detention order for another two years.

The undemocratic detention of the seven Sabahans will be one of the issues I will highlight if I go on a pro-Malaysian democracy world tour

From Megat Junid's statement, it would appear that the Government is still not decided whether the case is serious enough to warrant the issue of a White Paper. If the case is not serious enough to warrant the issue of a White Paper, then it cannot be serious enough to warrant the detention of seven Sabahans under the ISA for it must mean that the government does not have any concrete evidence on the so-called Sabah secession plot.

This is why I had renewed my call for the immediate release of the seven Sabahans when I arrived at Kota Kinabalu three days ago.

The undemocratic detention of the seven Sabahans for the alleged secession plot will be one of the issues I will highlight if I go on a pro-Malaysian democracy world tour to fight for greater democracy, more press freedom, less corruption and more public accountability in Malaysia.

Deputy Home Minister, Datuk Megat Junid Megat Ayob, has confirmed that the nation-wide registration of illegal immigrants which is to end on June 30 excludes Sabah, which has 700,000 to 800,000 illegal immigrants.

This is the first time that a top government leader has made a definitive statement about this matter when the six month registration of aliens campaign is about to end - and only after

the DAP had publicly taken up this issue.

Megat has failed to give any satisfactory reason why the nation-wide registration of illegal immigrants has excluded Sabah from its ambit - making Sabah the haven for illegal immigrants.

Megat's reason that Sabah had the Federal-appointed Special Task Force to look into the State's problems on illegal immigrants is no reason at all.

The registration of illegal immigrants by the Federal-appointed Special Task Force was a flop as the response was very poor. This was because this was the fifth registration of illegal immigrants in Sabah after PBS came into power - two by the police, one by the Chief Minister's Department and a fourth by the Institute of Development Studies (IDS).

As a result, the illegal immigrants regard the fifth registration by the Special Task Force as a waste of time and money, and the response was very poor.

DAP is very concerned by the indifference of the Federal Government to the problem of illegal immigrants in Sabah, which is the most acute in the whole country.

There can be no justification for the exclusion of Sabah from the nation-wide registration of illegal immigrants, and the DAP calls on the Deputy Prime Minister, Ghafar Baba, to announce when he visits Sabah in the next few days the inclusion of Sabah in this exercise.

As the chairman of the Cabinet committee on illegal immigrants, Ghafar Baba should announce the results of registration by the Special Task Force as well as the two surveys and registrations conducted by the Sabah Police; while the Sabah Chief Minister, Datuk Joseph Pairin Kitin-gan, should announce the results of the two registrations

conducted by the Chief Minister's Department and the IDS.

I will seek appointments with Ghafar Baba and Megat Junid in Kuala Lumpur to discuss with them the grave problem of the exclusion of Sabah from the nation-wide crackdown against illegal immigrants, especially as Sabah has now the frightening ratio of one illegal immigrant to two Sabahans.

Speech by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjong, Lim Kit Siang, at a Sandakan DAP Branch welcome tea party on arrival in Sandakan on Sunday, June 14, 1992 at 1 pm

Joseph Pairin's denials of speculations of snap general elections and his stepping down as Chief Minister 'not surprising' as nobody confirms such speculation even if they are true

I have been asked by newsmen to comment on the denials on Friday by the Sabah Chief Minister, Datuk Joseph Pairin Kitingan, on speculations of snap general elections in Sabah and his stepping down as Chief Minister.

Joseph Pairin's denials are not surprising, as nobody confirms such speculations even if they are true.

I was asked why I said on my arrival in Kota Kinabalu on Thursday that I would not be surprised if Joseph Pairin steps down as Sabah Chief Minister after the PBS general meeting next month.

I think Sabahans are fully aware of these reasons, and there is no need for me to go into them. Furthermore, I do not want anyone to misinterpret and distort what I said into an attempt on my part to help force the stepping down of Joseph Pairin.

I have no such intention whatsoever. As at present, Joseph Pairin Kitingan and PBS have the support of the people of Sabah to be the Chief Minister and the state government of Sabah.

The entry and establishment of UMNO and MCA in Sabah had not in any manner undermined Joseph Pairin's support

among the people. In fact, they may have strengthened the support of the people of Sabah for Joseph Pairin as Sabah Chief Minister because nobody wants to be blackmailed and intimidated politically.

It is clear that the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, is being misled by certain local elements into thinking that if there is a snap general elections in the state, the Barisan Nasional will be able to topple the PBS State Government and recapture power in the state.

If Joseph Pairin steps down as Chief Minister before the end of the full term of his office, it would not be because he has lost the support of the people of Sabah, but because of other extraneous circumstances.

I do not have to go into these 'extraneous circumstances' because the people of Sabah, who are very sophisticated in politics, know full well what they are.

This is why I made the remark that I would not be surprised if Joseph Pairin steps down as Chief Minister after the PBS general meeting next month and before the completion of his full term of office.

In making this remark, I was not asking Joseph Pairin Kitingan to step down as Sabah Chief Minister. In fact, I think Joseph Pairin should not bow down to the 'extraneous circumstances' and step down as Sabah Chief Minister before the completion of his full term of office as he still maintains the support of the people of Sabah.

If Joseph Pairin succumbs to the pressure of 'extraneous circumstances' and steps down as Sabah Chief Minister, then the support of the people of Sabah for PBS may undergo radical transformation.

Speech (Part 2) by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjong, Lim Kit Siang, at the DAP Sandakan Branch tea-party on Sunday, 14th June 1992 at 1 pm

MCA in Sabah should be prepared not only to be wiped out if it contests the Sabah state general elections, but for all the MCA candidates to lose their deposits

MCA President, Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik, said yesterday that the MCA is all geared up to face a possible snap elections in Sabah.

He said that MCA has 64 branches in Sabah, and that all the MCA branches with about 4,000 members have completed their elections, and that MCA would have nine divisions in Sabah by the end of the month.

Liong Sik and the MCA leadership should be prepared not only to be completely wiped out if it contests the Sabah state general elections, but for all the MCA candidates to lose their deposits as well.

Although Liong Sik claims to have more than 4,000 MCA members in Sabah, I would be surprised if the MCA could get 4,000 Chinese votes if it contests the Sabah state general elections.

Liong Sik should prove that he could rectify the injustices suffered by the people of Sabah before he talks about extending the 'influence' of MCA to Sabah

Liong Sik should prove that he could rectify the injustices and grievances suffered by the people of Sabah before he talks

about extending the 'influence' of MCA to Sabah.

Let Liong Sik start with the departments which he is directly in charge as Transport Minister.

Can Liong Sik explain why the people of Sabah must pay high exorbitant MAS fares in the internal sectors of Sabah as compared to the Peninsular Malaysia routes?

Can Liong Sik explain why the people have to pay higher cargo charges to MAS when they send cargo from Kota Kinabalu to Hong Kong as compared to sending cargo from Subang to Hong Kong, when the flying time from Subang to Hong Kong is about twice that between Kota Kinabalu to Hong Kong?

Can Liong Sik give an assurance that there would be a review of the MAS domestic fares in Sabah, by ensuring that there would be no increase of fares as well as harmonising the air fares between Sabah and Peninsular Malaysia sectors

Can Liong Sik also give an assurance that MAS would reduce its cargo charges from Kota Kinabalu to Hong Kong to comparative rates for cargo from Subang to Hong Kong?

If Liong Sik cannot redress the grievances and injustices suffered by the people of Sabah when these are directly under his portfolio, then there is very little that the MCA leaders can do for the people of Sabah.

Four MCA Ministers lose out to one MIC Minister in getting a fair share of the national economic cake to the various communities

Recent events have shown that four MCA Ministers lose out to one MIC Minister in getting a fair share of the national economic cake to the various communities.

MIC President, Datuk Samy Vellu could get 10 million Telekom shares for MAIKA Holdings for the Indian community (although nine million shares were later hijacked), but four MCA Ministers could not get a single Telekom share for the educational, social, cultural and religious advancement of the Chinese community.

If MIC could get 10 million Telekom shares, there is no reason why the four MCA Ministers cannot get at least 30 million Telekom shares for the Chinese community.

MIC had succeeded in getting allocation of other government shares as well like MAS, MISC, EON, TV3, Guthrie, etc. If MCA Ministers had succeeded in getting a fair and proportionate allocation of such shares for the Chinese community, the total value of such shares would now be worth \$1 billion.

The four MCA Ministers have not only lost out to one MIC Minister, the MCA has been reduced to a position where they have to protect MIC President, Samy Vellu, from further disclosures in Parliament about the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

This was the reason why the MCA Minister for Housing, Dr. Ting Chew Peh, and the MCA Deputy Speaker, Ong Tee Kiat, played such a key role in the most shameful episode in the history of Malaysian Parliament, where the Parliamentary Opposition Leader was suspended from attending Parliament until the end of the year for trying to make further disclosures about the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

MCA Ministers must first serve UMNO Ministers, and now the MIC Minister before they could serve the five million Chinese in Malaysia.

Press Conference Statement by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjong, Lim Kit Siang, in Sandakan on Monday, June 15, 1992 at 11 am

Call on Federal and Sabah State Government not to play political games and co-operate together on the grave problem of illegal immigrants in Sabah

DAP calls on the Barisan Nasional Federal Government and the Sabah State Government not to play 'political games' and co-operate together on the grave problem of illegal immigrants in Sabah.

Deputy Home Minister, Datuk Megat Junid Megat Ayob, seemed to be blaming the Sabah State Government for not co-operating with the Federal-appointed Special Task Force, especially in not providing the necessary land for the construction of transit centres for illegal immigrants awaiting deportation.

On the other hand, the PBS had blamed the Federal Government claiming that the Special Task Force had failed to brief the Sabah State Government on the actual requirements and strategic sites needed.

The people of Sabah and Malaysia want the Barisan Nasional Federal Government and the PBS State Government to stop passing the buck to each other, but want them to sit down to get on with the job to resolve the grave problem of illegal immigrants, which had increased from 400,000 when PBS came into power in 1985 to 700,000 - 800,000 today.

I propose to meet Megat Junid in Kuala Lumpur to find out what are the problems holding up the smooth co-operation

between the Federal Government and the State Government on the Sabah illegal immigrant issue.

The Deputy Home Minister said that the Special Task Force had registered 300,000 illegal immigrants in its year-long exercise. This confirms my statement that the Special Task Force, the fifth registration after PBS came into power, was a flop because of poor response. To register 300,000 illegal immigrants would mean a registration of less than half the illegal immigrants population in Sabah.

Let the Federal Government and Sabah State Government convene an emergency meeting on the Sabah illegal immigrant problem and stop communicating with each other through the press.

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Liong Sik should close down Sabah MCA if he cannot harmonise airfares between Sabah/Sarawak internal sectors with the Peninsular Malaysia

MCA President and Minister for Transport, Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik, has said that in considering the application by MAS to raise its domestic fares, the Government could not give exemption to any route.

He said: "All parties will be treated equally in the fare adjustment."

This is a totally unacceptable explanation and argument to the people of Sabah and Sarawak, who had been forced to pay exorbitant air fares both for passenger and cargo services by MAS for decades as compared to the Peninsular Malaysia.

If Liong Sik cannot harmonise airfares between Sabah/Sarawak internal routes with the Peninsular Malaysia, then Liong Sik should close down Sabah MCA and dissolve its 64 branches. It is clear that the MCA Ministers are impotent and useless to the people of Sabah if the MCA President cannot 'deliver goods' to the people of Sabah in matters which come directly under his Ministerial responsibility, as in exempting Sabah and Sarawak from any upward revision of MAS fares.

For decades, the discriminatory and unfair airfares for the Sabah internal sector had been a source of unhappiness and grievances among the people of Sabah, undermining the

process of national integration. Liong Sik will be continuing to undermine national integration if he allows MAS to continue to impose exorbitant passenger and cargo fares and charges on Sabah and Sarawak as compared to Peninsular Malaysia.

Call on Datuk Samy Vellu to visit Sandakan to see for himself the scandalous electricity supply and service in Sandakan and Sabah

For over a year, the people of Sandakan had suffered severely as a result of the constant breakdown and interruptions of electricity supply, causing hardships and losses to businesses and the people.

As the Sabah Electricity Board has been handed over to the Federal Government, the Minister for Energy, Posts and Telekom, Datuk Samy Vellu, should visit Sandakan to see for himself the scandalous electricity supply and service in Sandakan and Sabah.

There have been complaints that businesses who want to instal their own generators because of the frequent interruptions of power supply have to face many bureaucratic hassle and inconvenience as being required to comply with various licensing conditions - while illegal immigrant colonies can instal huge generators without any interference from the authorities concerned.

This is another example of the failure of both the Federal and State government authorities in closing their eyes to the legitimate rights and interests of Sabahans, while disregarding and condoning the activities of the illegal immigrants.

What is the Special Task Force doing about the illegal immigrants in Sabah

The people of Sabah have a right to ask what the Federal

and the State Governments are doing about the phenomenal increase of illegal immigrants in Sabah, from 400,000 before PBS came into power to 700,000 - 800,000 today.

Furthermore, what is the Federal-appointed Special Task Force doing about the illegal immigrants in Sabah?

It would appear that the establishment of the Special Task Force is being used to justify inaction against illegal immigrants, rather than to spearhead action against the illegal immigrants.

This is why the Federal Government had excluded Sabah from the nation-wide registration of illegal immigrants exercise, which is scheduled to end on June 30.

Now, Sabah has become a haven for illegal immigrants in Malaysia, as they do not have to register themselves as in other states?

Has the Sabah State Government and the Sabah Chief Minister, Datuk Joseph Pairin Kitingan, ever protested against the exclusion of Sabah from the nation-wide registration of illegal immigrants exercise? Or has Joseph Pairin cease to care whether actions are being taken illegal immigrants in Sabah or not?

Arrival Press Conference Statement by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, at Tawau Airport on Monday, June 15, 1992 at 4 pm

Information Minister, Datuk Mohamed Rahmat, should lift the Federal Government's virtual ban on Sabah on television as this is a discrimination against the people of Sabah

During my visit to Sabah, I have received complaints from the people of Sabah that the Federal Government has virtually imposed a ban on Sabah on the television channels as part of the Federal Government's discrimination against the people and state of Sabah.

Apart from telecasting visits and programmes of Federal Ministers when they visit Sabah, there is virtually a total black-out on television over events and developments in Sabah. It would have appeared that the Information Minister, Datuk Mohamed Rahmat, had made the unilateral decision that as far as the Barisan Nasional's television policy is concerned, Sabah had been removed from Malaysia!

This conscious and overt policy of discrimination against the people and state of Sabah in the Barisan Nasional Federal Government information and television policy is clearly most negative and not conducive to the task of nation building in promoting the national integration of the diverse races and territories in Malaysia.

DAP calls on the Information Minister, Datuk Mohamed Rahmat, to lift the Federal Government's virtual ban on Sabah on the television channels and to treat Sabah as an integral part of Malaysia, notwithstanding the political differences

between Sabah and the Federal Government.

DAP calls on Liong Sik to make public MAS' proposed domestic fare increase for public feedback before any Cabinet decision on it

Transport Minister, Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik, seems to have become the champion of MAS on its proposal to increase domestic air fares rather than the defender of the public interest to ensure that the public are not unfairly exploited by MAS by abusing its monopoly position and arbitrarily increasing its domestic fares.

Liong Sik seems to be more concerned about the interests of MAS and its shareholders rather than the interests of the travelling public as well as the users of the MAS cargo service.

A few days ago, Liong Sik claimed that a fare hike by MAS was necessary as the operational losses of MAS had increased, and because of investments on new aircraft and to improve its service.

I do not know what quality of MAS service Liong Sik is referring to, as the general complaint of the MAS travelling public is that such service had deteriorated badly in recent years.

Liong Sik said: "This year alone, the projected losses for MAS' domestic operations will be \$241 million, and the shareholders certainly feel more comfortable if the domestic fares are increased to cover the operational costs."

For his defence of MAS and disregard of the public interest, Liong Sik should alter the name of his Ministry to Minister for MAS rather than Minister for Transport.

DAP calls on Liong Sik to make public MAS' proposed new domestic fare increase for public feedback before any

Cabinet decision is made.

Liong Sik should let the public know the full case and arguments of MAS justifying its proposal for new domestic fares, why MAS is projected to lose \$241 million from its domestic operations this year and in what domestic sectors do these losses occur.

The people of Sabah have a right to know what profits MAS had made from the operations of the Sabah sector, in particular the internal routes in the state, both for passenger and air cargo service, as compared to the Sarawak and Peninsular sectors.

If Liong Sik is not prepared to make public the request and the case of MAS for upward revision of its domestic air fares, then Liong Sik has failed the Malaysian public although he is becoming an ideal Minister for MAS and its shareholders.

Liong Sik would also have failed the people of Sabah and Sarawak if he allows MAS to continue to impose exorbitant fares and charges for passenger and cargo services as compared to Peninsular Malaysia, which will greatly undermine national integration.

The Sabah Chief Minister, Datuk Joseph Pairin Kitingan, should send a strong State Government protest to Liong Sik with regard to his proposal to allow MAS to increase domestic fares for the Sabah sector with effect from next month.

DAP calls on the people of Sabah to establish a Commission against Illegal Immigrants (CAIIS) to apply continuous pressure on Federal and State Governments to resolve the illegal immigrant issue in Sabah

All the three Sabah State Governments in the state history had failed the people of Sabah on the question of illegal immigrants. In 1976, the people of Sabah backed Parti

Berjaya to topple the USNO Government for allowing 80,000 illegal immigrants into Sabah, destroying Sabah's peace, harmony and tranquility.

In 1985, the people of Sabah gave full support to PBS to topple Berjaya government for its failure on the illegal immigrant issue, as it had allowed the 80,000 illegal immigrants in 1976 to increase to 400,000.

Seven years after PBS rule, PBS leaders themselves estimate the illegal immigrant population in the state to be in the region of 700,000. I will put it as between 700,000 - 800,000.

Although the people of Sabah decided once in nine years to collectively express their disgust at the failure of the state government to resolve the illegal immigrant problem by throwing out the party in power, the problem of illegal immigrants have become more and more serious, instead of the opposite.

In 1976, the ratio of illegal immigrants to Sabahans is in the region of one to eight Sabahans; but today, it is one illegal immigrant to two Sabahans.

Deputy Home Minister, Datuk Megat Junid Megat Ayob, said recently that in Sabah, during day time there was one illegal immigrant to two locals, but at night, there were two illegal immigrants to one local.

Although Megat said this in humour, what he said contained more than a grain of truth and should be matter of grave concern to Sabahans, who care for the state and the welfare of their children and children's children.

It is clear that the people of Sabah cannot just leave to the State and Federal Governments to tackle the problem of illegal immigrants, and just bestir themselves once in five years or ten years to express their disgust at their failure to resolve the

problem.

What is urgently needed is the establishment of a non-government organisation (NGO) by the people of Sabah, say a Commission against Illegal Immigrants in Sabah (CAIIS), which will apply continuous pressure on both the State and Federal Governments to take action against illegal immigrants - not once in five or nine years, but year in and year out, on a daily basis.

Both the State and Federal Governments must be made to realise that this is a matter which the people of Sabah expect daily action and accounting.

Even if the problem of the illegal immigrants in Sabah cannot be resolved immediately with the establishment of the CAIIS, at least, it would prevent the illegal immigrant population from increasing ten-fold in 16 years - as had happened between 1976 to 1992, from 80,000 to 800,000.

If this rate of increase of illegal immigrant population is not checked, in another 16 years, i.e. 2,008, Sabah may have 8 million illegal immigrants, completely outnumbering Sabahans in the state.

If this happens, then Vision 2020 for Sabahans would have a completely different meaning - their being reduced to 'refugee' status in their own country!

All political parties concerned about the illegal immigrant issue should be asked to provide assistance to this Commission Against Illegal Immigrants - and both the State and Federal Governments should provide financial grants to it.

But the Commission Against Illegal Immigrants must be an independent Non-Government Organisation with the responsibility and right to apply daily and continuous pressure on both the State and Federal Government on the illegal immigrant issue.

MCA

Press Conference Statement by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjong, Lim Kit Siang, at the Kota Kinabalu Airport on Tuesday, 16th June 1992 at 10 a.m. before returning to Kuala Lumpur at the end of his five-day visit to Sabah

Call on Sabah Chief Minister to embark on a clean-up of his State government and take effective action to check corruption and abuses of power in the state

During my visit, I find many Sabahans concerned and very unhappy about the problem of corruption and abuse of power in the state government.

The PBS leadership must not forget that its attack on the corruption and abuses of power of the Berjaya government was one of the reasons why it succeeded in toppling the Harris Salleh government, and it would be paving the way for its own downfall if it allows corruption and abuses of power to become rampant under a PBS government.

In fact, it cannot escape the notice of Sabahans that the effectiveness of certain PBS leaders had been seriously affected because their involvement in corruption and abuses of power had made them vulnerable to the pressures of the Barisan Nasional Federal Government.

I call on the Sabah Chief Minister, Datuk Joseph Pairin Kitingan, to embark on a clean-up of his State government and take effective action to check corruption and abuses of power in the State government.

Sabah Electricity Board (LLS) is the most condemned government body in Sabah state

When I visited Kota Kinabalu, Sandakan and Tawau, I found an increasing anger among the people at the atrocious service and performance of the Sabah Electricity Board (LLS). The feelings of the people of Sandakan against the LLS is stronger than the people of Kota Kinabalu, but both cannot match the feelings of the the people of Tawau. Even in Semporna, which I visited last night, the people are beginning to get angry with LLS.

The people's anger with LLS stems from three reasons:

- (i) the constant breakdown and interruptions in the power supplies, even after the installation of additional multi-million ringgit power plants. In Tawau for instance, before June 1991, the power supply situation was so bad that there was rotational rationing of power supply.

The situation improved for only six months with the installation of two additional multi-million ringgit power plants, but after December 1991, the power situation reverted to the bad old days of constant breakdowns and interruptions as if the two additional power plants had never been installed.

Almost the same position applies to Sandakan.

The people of Sabah are entitled to ask whether all this is caused by mere inefficiency and incompetence of the LLS, or there is corruption, malpractices and abuses of power involved.

- (ii) the great inconvenience and hardship to individuals and losses to businesses (including the destruction of computer systems in offices); and
- (iii) the indifference and inefficiency of the LLS, going all the way to the very top with the LLS General Manager

for Sabah, creating this scandalous power supply problem in the state.

There is no doubt that the LLS is the most condemned government body in the whole of Sabah. The LLS General Manager and the LLS officers behave as if they are the masters of the people of Sabah rather than the public servants of Sabah.

DAP calls on Samy Vellu make an urgent trip to cause a total shake-up of the LLS, starting with the sacking of the LLS General Manager

As the LLS had been handed over to the Federal Government, the DAP calls on the Minister for Energy, Posts and Telekoms, Datuk Samy Vellu, to make an urgent trip to Sabah to cause a total shake-up of the LLS, starting with the sacking of the LLS General Manager.

As the atrocious service and performance of the LLS had adversely affected the people and businesses in Sabah, the Sabah Chief Minister, Datuk Joseph Pairin Kitingan, cannot stand by the sideline and allow the LLS to continue with its disservices on power supply in Sabah.

Joseph Pairin should send a protest to Datuk Samy Vellu and demand a shake-up of the LLS and improvement of its service and performance. If the Federal Government shows no interest in shaking up the LLS, then the State Government should make a formal request to the Federal Government to return the LLS to the State Government.

Why has Joseph Pairin allowed Semporna to go without water supply for six months?

I was very surprised when I visited Semporna last night to find that many people and businesses in Semporna had been going without water supply for six months.

Joseph Pairin should explain why he allowed Semporna to go without water supply for six months, as the Sabah Water Authority comes directly under the Sabah State Government.

I find this another scandal in Sabah, especially as the MP for Semporna is a Federal Minister, and the Assemblyman for the area is the son of the Federal Minister.

The DAP had always believed that it is morally and politically wrong for any government to use development as a form of political blackmail.

All Malaysians and areas, regardless of race or political support, are entitled to development, whether from the Federal or State government, both because public funds come from the taxes of the people and that this is an integral part of their citizenship rights.

The Barisan Nasional Federal Government had been guilty of such political blackmail against the people and state of Sabah. This is wrong and must be deplored. However, the PBS State Government should not do the same.

For this reason, I call on Joseph Pairin to take immediate and urgent action to resolve the problem faced by the people and businesses of Semporna in having no water supplies for six months.

DAP thanks the people of Sabah for their continued support and is determined to regain the seven Parliamentary seats it should have won in the 1990 general elections

During my visit, I find that the support of the people of Sabah for the political struggle of the DAP strong and most encouraging.

The people who attended the two DAP functions in Kota Kinabalu and Sandakan had given great support to the DAP's

Pro-Democracy Fund to finance a world trip by DAP leaders to fight for greater democracy, more press freedom, less corruption and more accountability and the mass signature campaign to revoke the suspension of the Parliamentary Opposition Leader from attending Parliament until the end of the year.

Sabah DAP will seek to secure the support of more Sabahans for these two campaigns as it is important that the DAP's Pro-Democracy Movement and the pro-Malaysian democracy world tour get the full support of the people and become a Malaysian People's movement and a Malaysian People's world tour.

I thank the people of Sabah for the great and continued support for the DAP and myself in our political struggle. The DAP is determined to regain the seven parliamentary seats the Sabah DAP should have won in the 1990 general elections, and I hope that the people of Sabah would give the DAP full support in this objective.

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Call on Ghafar Baba to explain why Malaysia is prepared to jeopardise Malaysia-Philippines relations by allowing the MORO National Liberation Front to hold a leadership conference in Sabah

The people of Sabah have not recovered from their shock at the announcement made by the Deputy Prime Minister, Ghafar Baba, early this month that the Malaysian Government is prepared to allow the MORO National Liberation Front (MNLF) to hold a leadership conference in Sabah.

Ghafar should explain why Barisan Nasional Federal Government is so insensitive to the feelings of the people of Sabah and the grave problem of illegal immigrants in the state as illustrated by his announcement that the government was prepared to allow the MNLF to hold a leadership conference in Sabah.

Is Ghafar aware that to allow the MNLF to hold a leadership conference in Sabah tantamounts to the Barisan Nasional Federal Government according certain official recognition not only to the MNLF, but to the 700,000 to 800,000 illegal immigrants in Sabah, the majority of whom come from MNLF-dominant Southern Philippines.

The holding of a MNLF Leadership Conference in Sabah would be regarded by the illegal immigrants as a great breakthrough and achievement for their continued stay in

Sabah.

It would be virtually impossible to control and repatriate the illegal immigrants in Sabah after the MNLF Leadership Conference in Sabah - for such a conference would be regarded by the Filipino illegal immigrants as a recognition by the Barisan Nasional Federal Government of their right to Sabah.

Height of irresponsibility for the Barisan Nasional Federal Government to allow the MNLF to hold a leadership conference in Sabah

Sabahans are also shocked that the Deputy Home Minister, Datuk Megat Junid Megat Ayob, said in Keningau that the Home Ministry did not know about the proposed MNLF Leadership Conference in Sabah, claiming that this was a Foreign Ministry matter.

Surely, the police which is responsible for maintaining law and order in Sabah, has a very great responsibility in deciding whether to allow MNLF to hold a leadership conference in Sabah, when this would be regarded as a moral victory for the Filipino illegal immigrants in Sabah.

In view of the long-standing problem of illegal immigrants faced by the people of Sabah, it is the height of irresponsibility on the part of the Barisan Nasional Federal Government to allow the MNLF to hold a leadership conference in Sabah.

Is the Barisan Nasional Federal Government now prepared to concede unofficial acknowledgement of the claim of the Filipino illegal immigrants to Sabah, after rejecting the official Filipino claim to Sabah since the 1960s?

Ghafar Baba should also explain why the Malaysian Government is prepared to jeopardise Malaysia-Philippines relations by allowing the MNLF to hold its leadership conference

in Sabah.

Ghafar Baba should state whether the Cabinet had ever discussed the question of MNLF leadership conference in Sabah and what is the stand of the Foreign Ministry and the Cabinet on this issue.

DAP calls on Ghafar Baba to abandon the idea of allowing the MNLF to hold its leadership conference for it would cause irreparable harm to the process of national integration, as well as sour Malaysia's relations with the Philippines.

The Federal-appointed Special Task Force should be dissolved if it is not going to take any positive action to deal with the problem of illegal immigrants in Sabah

One strong impression I get after my five-day visit to Sabah is that both the Barisan Nasional Federal Government and the PBS State Government are not sincere or serious about wanting to resolve the problem of illegal immigrants in Sabah.

If the Federal Government is sincere and serious, its Special Task Force would not register less than half of the illegal immigrant population in Sabah, getting only 300,000 illegal immigrants registered. Nor would the Special Task Force go into 'hibernation' after the completion of the year-long registration exercise, doing absolutely nothing to deal with the illegal immigrant problem.

If the PBS State Government is sincere and serious, it would not be indifferent to the nation-wide registration of illegal immigrants exercise from Dec. 1, 1991 to June 30, 1992, not bothering to check whether it covers Sabah or not.

If I had not visited Sabah and demanded an explanation why the national registration exercise did not cover Sabah, no Federal government leader would have confirmed it, and the PBS State Government would still be in the dark not knowing

whether Sabah is covered or not.

There is no doubt that if the PBS State Government had been sincere and serious about the illegal immigrant problem, the Chief Minister, Datuk Joseph Pairin Kitingan, would have checked with the Federal Government to discover whether the national registration exercise covers Sabah or not.

From Joseph Pairin's indifference, one gets the unavoidable impression that the Chief Minister is not very bothered about the issue of illegal immigrants in Sabah at all except during state general elections.

The Federal-appointed Special Task Force should be dissolved if it is not going to take any positive action to deal with the problem of illegal immigrants in Sabah.

The Barisan Nasional Federal Government and the PBS State Government should put aside their political differences on the issue of illegal immigrants on Sabah, and work together on the issue.

The PBS State Government should not give the Barisan Nasional Federal Government any excuse for dragging its feet on the ground that the PBS State Government is not co-operating by refusing to provide land for the establishment of transit centres for the deportation of illegal immigrants.

The Barisan Nasional Federal Government should not give the Sabah people the impression that it refuses to do anything to resolve the illegal immigrant problem because this is to its long-term political advantage.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjong, Lim Kit Siang, in Petaling Jaya on Tuesday, June 23, 1992:

I accept Ghafar's challenge to prove that there are 700,000 to 800,000 illegal immigrants in Sabah provided I am given full powers to take over and command the Federal-appointed Special Task Force

Deputy Prime Minister, Ghafar Baba, has challenged me to produce proof to substantiate my estimate that there are 700,000 to 800,000 illegal immigrants in Sabah.

Ghafar dare to make this challenge because at present, no one, including the Federal Government nor the Sabah State Government, could give a definitive estimate of the number of illegal immigrants in Sabah.

However, Ghafar Baba should know that I do not take my estimate of 700,000 to 800,000 illegal immigrants in Sabah out of thin air, but based on figures which had been given by PBS State Government leaders.

Even in Peninsular Malaysia, for instance, the Federal Government cannot produce proof of the total number of illegal immigrants, but could only make estimates.

The Cabinet Committee on illegal immigrants headed by Ghafar Baba has estimated that there are only 300,000 illegal immigrants in Peninsular Malaysia, when other estimates have put the total number of illegal immigrants in the peninsula in the region between 800,000 to a million. Can Ghafar

prove that the low figure 300,000 illegal immigrants in Peninsular Malaysia is correct?

I am however prepared to accept the challenge of Ghafar Baba to prove that there are 700,000 to 800,000 illegal immigrants in Sabah, provided that I am given the full powers to take over and command the Federal-appointed Special Task Force on illegal immigrants in Sabah.

Why did the Federal Government take one year to announce the result of a 16-month registration of illegal immigrants when in Peninsular Malaysia, there could be an almost daily tally?

The Special Task Force conducted a 16-month registration of illegal immigrants from April 1990 to August 1991, and which attracted the poorest response from the illegal immigrants - less than 300,000.

This was because this was the fifth registration of illegal immigrants conducted in Sabah after the PBS came into power in 1985 - two by the police, one by the Chief Minister's Department and one by the Institute of Development Studies (IDS).

It is open secret that when it was appointed by the Federal Government, the Special Task Force (STF) did not receive co-operation from the PBS State Government. This was because the circumstances of its establishment did not create the confidence either in the State government or among the people of Sabah that the STF was a sincere and honest attempt by the Federal Government to resolve the long-standing problem of illegal immigrants in Sabah.

The record and performance of the Special Task Force, registering less than 300,000 illegal immigrants has only confirmed the initial doubts of the Sabah state government and people that the Federal Government is not serious about

resolving the problem of illegal immigrants in Sabah. This has been made worse by the year-long period of inactivity of the STF since the end of the registration exercise in August 1991.

Sabahans will remember that when the USNO government was toppled by Berjaya in 1976, one of the reasons was for allowing 80,000 illegal immigrants into Sabah. When Harris Salleh's Berjaya government was toppled by PBS in 1985, one of the reasons was for allowing 80,000 illegal immigrants to increase to 400,000 in its nine-year rule. This situation has not improved but worsened as PBS leaders have admitted publicly that there are now 700,000 illegal immigrants in Sabah.

The people of Sabah and Malaysia are entitled to ask why the Federal Government has to take nearly one year before it could announce the results of the 16-month registration by the STC, when in the current registration of illegal immigrants in Peninsular Malaysia, there could be an almost daily tally?

Can Ghafar reveal the secret of the pin-point accuracy and efficiency of the STC as to know the total number of illegal immigrants in Sabah down to the last man and woman?

According to Ghafar Baba in Kota Kinabalu yesterday, STC has discovered that there was a total of 357,180 illegal immigrants in Sabah and Labuan, out of which 299,790 had registered with STC while 57,390 illegal immigrants did not register. Out of the 299,790 illegal immigrants, 148,121 were Filipinos and 151,669 Indonesians.

The people of Sabah and Malaysia are most impressed at the pin-point accuracy and efficiency of the STC, as to be able to count the total number of illegal immigrants in Sabah to the last man and man.

It reminds Malaysians of the pin-point accuracy and efficiency of the United States high-tech air-power in the Gulf war in 1991.

Can Ghafar explain the secret of this pin-point accuracy and efficiency, which the Federal Government had always claimed it is incapable of in Peninsular Malaysia? How did the STC know that there are 57,390 illegal immigrants in Sabah and Labuan who did not register?

If the STC is capable of pin-pointing the illegal immigrants down to the last man and woman, why has been its performance been so dismal as far as repatriating the illegal immigrants are concerned?

This is clearly seen from the STC's own statistics announced yesterday. In 1990, there were 12,289 arrests, 7,224 deportations, 5,173 voluntary repatriation; in 1991, 9,689 arrests, 8,123 deportations and 5,413 voluntary repatriations; and in the first four months of 1992, 4,117 arrests, 2,703 deportations and 1,579 voluntary repatriations.

These are not impressive figures when even using the STC's figure of 357,180 illegal immigrants in Sabah and Labuan. Thus in 1990, with 7,224 deportations and 5,173 voluntary repatriations, making a total of 12,397 constitutes around three per cent of the total illegal immigrant population. Furthermore, these 12,397 who were deported or voluntarily repatriated would mostly be back in Sabah the next day with more of their relatives and friends!

I believe no announcement by the Federal Government had been received with greater disbelief and cynicism by the people of Sabah than the figures on illegal immigrants in the State given by Ghafar Baba yesterday.

Let Ghafar Baba ask the Sabah Chief Minister, Datuk Joseph Pairin Kitingan, and the PBS State Government

whether they accept the STC figures that there are only 357,180 illegal immigrants in Sabah.

Ghafar Baba should demonstrate that the Federal Government is at last honest and serious about resolving the problem of illegal immigrants in Sabah

The most important and urgent question today is whether the Federal Government is sincere in wanting to resolve the long-standing problem of illegal immigrants and whether it could inspire the confidence of the people of Sabah by convincing them of its seriousness.

The people of Sabah would not have known that the nation-wide registration of illegal immigrants which is to end at the end of the month excluded Sabah if I had not visited Sabah last week and queried it publicly.

It is such indifference to the views, aspirations and rights of the people of Sabah on the part of the Federal Government that Kuala Lumpur has not been able to gain the confidence of the people of Sabah.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Petaling Jaya on Wednesday, June 3, 1992:

Call on Liong Sik to make public apology for turning TAR fund-raising functions into DAP-bashing sessions, making baseless attacks on the DAP and even very personal attacks on DAP leaders

The MCA President, Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik, should make a public apology for turning Tunku Abdul Rahman College (TAR) fund-raising functions into DAP-bashing sessions, making baseless attacks on the DAP and even making very personal attacks on the DAP leaders, attacking even my parents, family and teachers!

Liong Sik should apologise not only to the DAP and DAP leaders, but also to the public who have contributed to the TAR donation drive.

DAP has received complaints from people all over the country at their disgust at behaviour and speeches of Liong Sik and MCA Ministers at TAR fund-raising functions in making unfounded and baseless attacks on the DAP and DAP leaders.

These members of the public made donations to the TAR, but they did not to give a blank cheque to MCA Ministers to make unfounded and baseless attacks on the DAP.

Despite being the target of vicious and unfounded attacks by Liong Sik and MCA Ministers at TAR fund-raising func-

tions in the past few months, the DAP had never called on the Chinese to boycott the TAR fund-raising campaign, or not to contribute money for TAR expansion plans.

This is because the Chinese are prepared to support any educational effort, even educational efforts of the government when the government should have been responsible for the total expenditures and funds of the over 1,000 Chinese primary schools as is the case with the national primary schools.

However, the DAP cannot and will not take it lying down if Liong Sik and MCA leaders continue with their vicious and baseless attacks on the DAP and DAP leaders at TAR fund-raising functions.

The Chinese community can see for itself that the DAP had not wanted to comment or get involved with the TAR fund-raising campaign right from the beginning, but it was the MCA leaders, particularly Liong Sik, who had been repeatedly provoking and challenging the DAP to declare its stand on TAR, as well as making vicious and baseless attacks on the DAP at these functions.

Liong Sik should have the humility to make a public apology for the vicious and baseless attacks by him and other MCA Ministers on the DAP at TAR fund-raising functions, and give a public undertaking that the MCA Ministers will stop their politicking against the DAP at TAR fund-raising functions.

If Liong Sik and MCA Ministers want to launch a political offensive against the DAP, then let them use MCA forums and not misuse the TAR fund-raising functions.

If Liong Sik and the other MCA leaders continue with their DAP-bashing and personal attacks on DAP leaders at TAR fund-raising functions, the DAP will step up its counter-of-

fensive.

DAP gives an undertaking that it will never call on the Chinese community to boycott the TAR fund-raising campaign, but we have the right to self-defence against vicious and baseless attacks by Liong Sik and MCA leaders at TAR fund-raising functions.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Petaling Jaya on Monday, June 8, 1992:

Is Ting Chew Peh prepared to resign as Cabinet Minister if he could not prove that I had called on the Chinese community not to donate to TAR fund-raising project?

MCA Secretary-General and Housing Minister, Dr. Ting Chew Peh, said in Ipoh on Saturday night that I was going round the country trying to convince the Chinese community that it should not donate towards the Tunku Abdul Rahman College expansion project donation campaign.

Is Ting Chew Peh prepared to resign as Cabinet Minister if he could not prove that I had called on the Chinese community not to donate to TAR fund-raising project?

Dr. Ting Chew Peh said in Penang during the MCA's 43rd anniversary celebrations in April that I issued one to two hundred press statements in a year. He should therefore have no difficulty in producing proof that I had at least once called on the Chinese community to boycott the TAR fund-raising campaign.

Dr. Ting Chew Peh would not dare to declare that he would resign as Cabinet Minister if he could not produce proof that I had at least once called on the Chinese community to boycott the TAR fund-raising campaign, for Chew Peh knows that there is completely no basis or substance to his allegation that the DAP is trying to sabotage or foil the fund-raising campaign for TAR.

In fact, on the same night that Chew Peh was telling this lie in Ipoh, I was in Kampar for the DAP Kampar 'Back To The People' Dinner where I declared that although the DAP had reservations about the TAR, the DAP would never undermine the TAR fund-raising campaign or ask the Chinese community to boycott it.

DAP has two fundamental reservations about TAR but we had never asked the Chinese community to boycott the TAR fund-raising campaign

I said in Kampar that the Chinese race is special in its great support for education, including giving monetary support to the Chinese primary schools which should have been the sole responsibility of the government as had been the case with the national primary schools.

It was the MCA President, Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik and other MCA Ministers like Dr. Ting Chew Peh who challenged the DAP to make public our two reservations about TAR.

Our first reservation about TAR was that it was originally mooted in 1968 to 'counter' and 'kill' Merdeka University. This has been proved by my production of the 1968 historical MCA memorandum of the MCA Higher Education Planning Committee headed by Khaw Khai Boh submitted to the government making clear that the whole purpose of MCA proposing a private college was to 'counter' Merdeka University. The production of this historical MCA document had also exposed MCA leaders and intellectuals like Dr. Fong Chan Onn as very dishonest persons as they tried to deny MCA's own history.

The DAP's second reservation about TAR is that we feel strongly that as a member of the ruling coalition, MCA should get the Cabinet to approve an additional allocation for \$25 million for TAR expansion plans. This because government funds come from the taxes paid by the people - and it cannot

be disputed that the bulk of the taxes come from the Chinese community.

If the MCA gets the government to finance this additional \$25 million for TAR, then there would be no need for the MCA Ministers to compete with the Chinese Independent Secondary Schools for financial support from the Chinese community.

Furthermore, DAP holds the MCA Ministers responsible for their failure to secure for the Chinese community a fair share of the national economic cake.

Why did the MCA Ministers gave up \$1 billion worth of shares for the educational, social, cultural and religious advancement of the Chinese community?

If MIC President, Datuk Samy Vellu, could get a special allocation of 10 million Telekom shares for MAIKA Holdings for the Indian community (although nine million shares were subsequently hijacked), then the four MCA Ministers have proved to be utterly impotent as well as abdicating their responsibilities in not even asking for a single Telekom share for the educational, social, cultural and religious advancement of the Chinese community.

There is no reason why the MCA Ministers could not get at least 30 million Telekom shares for the educational, social, cultural and religious advancement of the Chinese community if Samy Vellu could get 10 million Telekom shares for the Indian community.

In fact, MAIKA Holdings had earlier been specially allocated with MAS, Guthrie, TV3, MISC and EON shares, and if MCA Ministers had ensured in Cabinet that the Chinese community also get their fair share of the national economic cake, the value of the shares allocated to the Chinese community would be easily worth \$1 billion today.

With this \$1 billion worth of shares, TAR's need for \$25 million for its expansion plans would be mere 'petty cash', and there would be money enough for big financial contributions for the 60 Chinese Independent Chinese secondary schools, the over 1,000 Chinese primary schools as well as other educational, social, cultural and religious programmes.

The MCA Ministers should explain why they had given up \$1 billion worth of shares for the educational, social, cultural and religious advancement of the Chinese community!

DAP is of the view that the MCA President, Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik and the other Ministers are failing in their duties in Cabinet and Government by going up and down the country to 'char kway teow' for TAR.

The job of the MCA Ministers is to ensure that in Cabinet and Government, the rights of the Chinese community to a fair share in the national economic cake is protected.

Can Chew Peh explain why Dr. Mahathir Mohamed need not go up and down the country to 'char kway teow' or make mee goreng to raise funds for a UMNO private college? Even Samy Vellu does not have to go up and down the country to 'char kway teow' or make roti canai to raise funds for the MIC's private colleges!

Dr. Ting Chew Peh must be one of the MCA strategists who wanted to provoke the DAP to openly denounce the TAR fund-raising campaign and call for a boycott of TAR fund raising campaign by the Chinese community.

He is very disappointed that the DAP had not walked into the MCA trap, and this is why he had become so desperate that he is prepared to openly tell lies.

Chew Peh's speech in Ipoh on Saturday is only the most

recent example of the lies and falsehoods this former highly-educated intellectual is prepared to tell just to score political points.

Before this, Chew Peh called DAP MPs 'samseng' while he has only praise and admiration for Barisan Nasional MPs like the MP for Pasir Mas, Ibrahim Ali, and the MCA Deputy MCA Minister, Dr. Fong Chan Onn, who had made obscene gestures in Parliament in the presence of women MPs, women civil servants, women reporters and large groups of girl students.

Is Dr. Ting Chew Peh trying to work up the courage to follow the example of Ibrahim Ali and Dr. Fong Chan Onn to show indecent gestures in Parliament too?

Press Conference Statement (2) by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjong, Lim Kit Siang, in PJ Hqs on Tuesday, 26th May 1992 at 12 noon

MCA leaders cannot deny that Tunku Abdul Rahman College's establishment was solely to 'counter' Merdeka University as this is proved by MCA's own documentary records, like Koh Kai Boh's MCA Higher Education Planning Committee Memorandum

It is most regrettable the MCA President, Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik and other MCA Ministers and leaders have continued to 'politicise' the MCA donation drive for Tunku Abdul Rahman College.

Last weekend in Malacca for instance, Liong Sik again used a TAR fund-raising function to launch into a hysterical attack on the DAP.

DAP wants to warn Liong Sik to stop turning the TAR fund-raising campaign into an anti-DAP campaign.

Despite unfounded allegations, DAP had never tried to 'undermine' or 'destroy' the MCA's TAR fund-raising campaign, as the Chinese community supports all educational efforts, even those by the government.

I had not wanted to even comment on the TAR fund-raising issue, but Liong Sik and MCA leaders had continued to provoke the DAP leaders by turning every TAR fund-raising function into an anti-DAP function and to challenge the DAP to set up a private college like TAR.

This was why I had expressed the DAP's reservations about TAR, about its historic origins which was to 'kill' Merdeka University, and why we felt that as a member of the ruling party, MCA should have got the additional \$20 million for TAR instead of competing with Chinese Independent Secondary Schools.

MCA leaders and publicists have now opened a new front to continue to attack the DAP at every TAR fund-raising function as well as denying that TAR was set up originally with the intention to 'kill' Merdeka University.

MCA leaders should know they cannot deny their own party history, and I have here a historical MCA document to prove that the TAR was established solely to 'counter' Merdeka University.

On 16th July 1968, the MCA Secretary-General, Kam Woon Wah, sent out a notice to all MCA national delegates, MPs and Assemblymen to attend a meeting at Federal Hotel in KL on 11th August 1968 on the establishment of TAR.

Together with the notice, Kam Woon Wah enclosed various papers, including the Memorandum submitted by the MCA Higher Education Planning Committee headed by Khaw Kai Boh to the Government on the establishment of TAR.

The introduction and the first nine opening paragraphs, which was submitted to the Government, made it clear that the MCA private college was solely to 'counter' the Merdeka University, as given below:

I would not have raised history if MCA leaders had not tried to distort history.

Why didn't MCA get Telekom, EON, MAS, MISC, Guthrie shares for the Chinese community

However, what concerns the Chinese community most is the failure of the MCA Ministers to ensure that the Chinese have a fair share of the economic cake in the country, as evidenced by the failure of the MCA Ministers to get special allocation of Telekom, EON, MAS, MISC and Guthrie shares for their educational, social, cultural and religious betterment.

MIC not only got ten million Telekom shares for MAIKA (although nine million Telekom shares were subsequently hijacked), it also got special allocation for EON, MAS, MISC and Guthrie shares for the Indian community.

It is clear that if MCA Ministers had played their role in government and ensure that the Chinese community get a fair share of the economic cake, getting proportionate allocations for Telekom, EON, MAS, MISC, Guthrie and other public issues, the Chinese community would have about \$1 billion worth of shares. An allocation of 30 million Telekom shares for instance would be worth \$390 million now.

The \$20 million the MCA are raising for TAR would have been easily met from this source, as well as tens and hundreds of millions of ringgit for educational, social, cultural and religious betterment of the Chinese community.

This is why Samy Vellu does not have to go round the country like Liong Sik to fry kway teow or make roti canai! Similarly, the UMNO President, Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, do not have to go down to the kampongs to fry kway teow or make mee goreng.

Liong Sik and MCA Ministers should go back to the Cabinet tomorrow to demand for this additional \$20 million for TAR, so that MCA Ministers do not waste their time going all over the country frying kway teow, but can concentrate all their energies in Cabinet and government to ensure that the Chinese community get a fair share of the economic cake - as the allocation of Telekom, TEN, EON, MAS, MISC and

Guthrie shares.

If all Liong Sik can do is to fry kway teow, then the rights of the Chinese community will be 'fried' away.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjong, Lim Kit Siang, in Petaling Jaya on Friday, 26th June 1992:

Liong Sik and MCA leadership must bear responsibility for the loss of over \$200 million suffered by the 50,398 KSM-MPHB Investment Fund unitholders

The 50,398 KSM-Multi-Purpose Holdings Berhad Investment Fund unitholders are rightly incensed at the betrayal of their rights and interests with the shabby and disgraceful manner in which their investment 12 years ago had been treated.

Under the MCA leadership-approved formula, 147.98 million MPHBS shares are being distributed to the 50,398 KSM-MPHB Investment Fund unitholders in a share-for-share exchange, letting everyone decide whether to keep the shares or sell them on the open market.

This is the most shameful betrayal of the rights and interests of the 50,398 KSM-MPHB Investment Fund unitholders by the MCA leadership led by Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik, as the 50,398 unitholders stand to lose over \$200 million through this formula.

When I opposed this formula in March 1990, I warned the MCA President, Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik, at the time that if the 147.98 million MPHBS shares were dumped on the market by way of retail sales by the 50,398 unitholders, it would depress the price of MPHBS shares and the unitholders could lose \$150 million

In March 1990, when this formula was first mooted with the approval of Liong Sik and the MCA leadership, the price of MPHP was about \$1.50 a share.

If the 147.98 million MPHB shares, which represented 19.7 per cent stake in MPHB, were sold in one block to give the purchaser a strategic control of MPHB, a price of \$2 per share could be fetched. After all, Kamunting paid \$2.05 a share for MPHB when it outbid Hume for KSM's 28.9 per cent controlling stake in MPHB in mid-1989.

However, if the 147.98 million MPHB shares were dumped on the open market, it might drop to \$1 or lower. A difference of \$1 per share for the block of 147.98 million MPHB shares would mean a loss of \$150 million to the 50,398 unitholders.

Two years later today, Liong Sik and the MCA leadership had failed to protect the interests of the 50,398 unitholders, who were loyal MCA members who rallied to the call by MCA leaders to invest in the KSM-MPHB Investment Fund, by ensuring the sale of the 147.98 million MPHB shares en bloc at a premium price.

Instead, the price of MPHB at the Kuala Lumpur stock exchange on closing yesterday was \$1. This is before the 50,398 unitholders dumped the 147.98 million MPHB shares on the market for retail sale, as the unitholders would have to spend a few millions of ringgit to get the shares registered in their names first.

It is clear that the price of MPHB would collapse to a new low when the 147.98 million shares are dumped on the market by the 50,398 unitholders.

As compared to the possible price of \$2 per share for the sale of the whole block of 147.98 million MPHP shares in 1990 and the new depressed price for MPHB for their retail

(whether from 50 sen to 70 sen per share), the 50,398 unitholders stand to lose over \$200 million.

The betrayal of the interests of the 50,398 unitholders, causing them to lose over \$200 million, is another consequence of Liong Sik going up and down the country to 'char kway teow'

This constitutes a \$200 million MCA scandal in the betrayal of the trust of the 50,398 KSM-MPHB Investment Fund unitholders.

Liong Sik should explain why he could not spare enough time from going up and down the country to 'char kway teow' to protect the interests and rights of the 50,398 unitholders to ensure that they do not now incur this \$200 million loss.

If Liong Sik had discharged his responsibility as MCA President to the 50,398 unitholders, I am sure these unitholders would have no objection if they contribute \$25 million towards Tunku Abdul Rahman College expansion plans - which will also spare Liong Sik from continuing to neglect his Ministerial duties going up and down the country to 'char kway teow'.

The betrayal of the rights and interests of the 50,398 KSM-MPHB Investment Fund unitholders, causing them to lose over \$200 million, is another consequence of Liong Sik going up and down the country to 'char kway teow'.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjong, Lim Kit Siang, in Petaling Jaya on Saturday, 27th June 1992:

The performance of MCA Ministers are getting more and more dismal and sub-standard

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The Minister for Local Government and Housing, Dr. Ting Chew Peh, announced yesterday the setting up of a public inquiry board into the Port Klang Oil Depot Inferno which killed 13 people, claiming that this was a Cabinet decision.

Why wasn't this Cabinet decision announced immediately after the Cabinet meeting on Wednesday, when the Transport Minister, Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik, told the press that his proposal for a Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Port Klang Oil Depot Inferno had been rejected by the Cabinet?

Is it because Liong Sik was criticised severely by the DAP for not doing his homework in being unable to get the Cabinet to approve his proposal for a Royal Commission of Inquiry that Chew Peh has now claimed that the Cabinet had decided to set up a public inquiry board?

If so, Chew Peh had clearly not done his homework too in being unable to announce it immediately after the Cabinet meeting on Wednesday.

Chew Peh's announcement of public inquiry board is politically motivated to meet DAP criticisms against Liong

Sik, rather than to get to the bottom of the Port Klang Oil Depot Inferno

His failure to do his homework before making such an announcement is highlighted by the fact that he could not name all the members of the public inquiry board, only naming the Chairman, Housing Ministry's Secretary-General, Datuk Haji Ahmad Hassan Osman and Yeo Hock Siew of the Chemistry Department. The other two members are to be the Inspector-General of Police or his representative, and a senior lawyer either from the Ministry or the Attorney-General's Chambers.

This must be the first time that a Minister announced the establishment of a public inquiry board without being able to name all the members.

This shows that the announcement of the establishment of the public inquiry board is purely politically-motivated, to meet the criticisms of the DAP against the dismal Ministerial performance of Liong Sik, rather than to get to the bottom of the Port Klang Oil Depot Inferno.

I am also taken aback by the announcement by the Transport Minister, Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik, that the Secretary-General of the Transport Ministry, Datuk Dr. Mohamed Nor Ghani, would head a one-man public inquiry into the Ekspres Rakyat derailment on June 20 between Rawang and Kuang.

Dr. Mohamed Nor Ghani already headed the Board of Inquiry into the Subang International Airport Terminal One fire in April, which had not completed its investigations.

MCA Ministers must decide whether they want to be good Ministers or be the worst Ministers in the Cabinet

Is there nobody else Liong Sik could think of except to make Dr. Mohamed Nor Ghani to head the Ekspres Rakyat

derailment?

Furthermore, why has Liong Sik made the unprecedented decision to appoint only one person to head a public inquiry?

It is clear that the MCA Ministers' activities in going up and down the country to 'char kway teow' have not only seriously undermined their Ministerial duties but also gravely affected their judgment as well.

It is time that the MCA Ministers decide whether they want to be good Ministers or want to have the reputation as the worst Ministers in the Cabinet.

Press Comments by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjong, Lim Kit Siang, after launching the DAPSY Earth Run at Lake Gardens, Kuala Lumpur on Sunday, June 28, 1992 at 7.30 a.m.

DAP warns MCA Ministers and Deputy Ministers not to become threats to press freedoms by putting pressures on the Malaysian press

DAP warns MCA Ministers and Deputy Ministers not to become threats to press freedoms and the human rights of Malaysians by putting pressures on the press, particularly the Chinese newspapers.

After the MCA had one of its MPs appointed as Parliamentary Secretary in the Home Ministry, the MCA leaders did not make use of this appointment to help broaden democratic freedoms and human rights, but the opposite.

In the past one year, the MCA Ministers and Deputy Ministers have become bolder and bolder in putting pressures on the press, particularly the Chinese press, to put the MCA in a good light at the expense of DAP.

It is open secret that the MCA leadership was responsible for putting pressures on the press, particularly the Chinese newspapers, to 'black out' the DAP in the midst of its campaign in April to expose and oppose the injustices of the application for new identity cards, which put all citizens to great hardships and inconveniences - even exposing them to the threat of having their blue identity card becoming a red one.

In the initial period of the DAP national campaign to demand a simplification of the process of application for new identity cards, the DAP made a great impact in the country.

When MCA leaders found that this was putting them in a very bad light, they put pressure on the newspapers to stop giving publicity to the DAP campaign for simplification in the application for new identity cards.

MCA leaders hoped that the people could be misled into believing that the simplification of the application process for new identity cards was the work of the MCA.

A few days ago, when launching a MCA guideline for application for new identity cards, the MCA Deputy Minister, Wong See Wah, even made the shameless claim that the simplification of the new identity card application was the result of the efforts of the MCA.

Everybody knows that if not for the DAP's national campaign, and everything had been left to the MCA, the injustices and hardships of the application for new identity cards would have persisted to this day!

Recently, the MCA leaders have again put pressures on the newspapers, especially the Chinese newspapers, to 'black out' the DAP's Pro-Malaysian Democracy Campaign, particularly the mass signature campaign to demand the immediate revocation of the suspension of the Parliamentary Opposition Leader from Parliament.

MCA Ministers and Deputy Ministers have not been able to explain why they had conspired with the MIC President, Datuk Samy Vellu, to suppress further disclosures of the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal to the extent of committing an act which has brought shame and dishonour to the country - the suspension of the Parliamentary Opposition Leader until the end of the year.

MCA Ministers and Deputy Ministers know that they have no answer to the question why they had ganged up with Samy Vellu to suspend the Parliamentary Opposition Leader while,

on the other hand, encouraged the MP for Pasir Mas, Ibrahim Ali, to repeatedly show indecent gestures and obscene signs in Parliament in front of women MPs (including MCA women MPs), women civil servants, women reporters and large group of girl students without demanding that disciplinary action be taken against him.

Fearing that the DAP's Pro-Malaysian democracy movement and the mass signature campaign would put the MCA in a very bad light, MCA leaders has again put pressure on the newspapers, particularly the Chinese press, to 'black out' DAP news on them.

MCA Ministers and Deputy Ministers had never championed or defended democratic freedoms and human rights in Malaysia. Now they have become a great threat to democratic freedoms and human rights by trying to undermine press freedom.

DAP warns the MCA Ministers and Deputy Ministers to stop their unedemocratic actions or we will expose the true colours of the MCA leadership to the people.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung. Lim Kit Siang, in Penang on Monday, 29th June 1992:

Call on MCA and Gerakan Ministers to jointly ask the Cabinet on Wednesday to restore to the Chinese community its rightful apportionment of the national economic cake with regard to allocation of \$1 billion worth of shares of government privatised companies

Dong Zhong - the United Chinese School Committees' Association of Malaysia - has asked the MCA and Gerakan Ministers to get the Cabinet to allocate shares to help resolve the financial problems of the 60 Chinese Independent Secondary Schools, without any strings attached.

In fact, what the MCA and Gerakan Ministers should do is to jointly ask the Cabinet on Wednesday to restore to the Chinese community its rightful apportionment of the national economic cake with regard to allocation of \$1 billion worth of shares of government privatised companies.

If the MIC President, Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu, could get ten million Telekom shares allocated to MAIKA Holdings for the interests of the Indian community (although nine million shares were subsequently hijacked), as well as other shares like MAS, MISC, EON, Guthrie, TV3, etc., then the MCA and Gerakan Ministers should be able to get a fair share of the national economic cake for the Chinese community with the allocation of shares which should be worth \$1 billion by today.

The government still holds substantial shares in many of the privatised companies, like Telekom, EON, MAS, MISC, TEN, etc.

What the MCA and Gerakan Ministers should do at the Cabinet meeting on Wednesday is to ask for the restitution of these shares, not for MCA or Gerakan, or their individual Ministers, but for the educational, social, cultural and religious advancement of the Chinese community.

When the Chinese community is given its rightful share in the apportionment of the national economic cake with the restitution of the \$1 billion worth of shares, then the Chinese community would have a very strong financial base to fund its various educational, social, cultural and religious programmes and projects.

With such a bank of \$1 billion worth of shares, the financial problems of the 60 Chinese Independent Secondary Schools would not be an annual one. In fact, this will also go a long way to help resolve the financial problems of the over 1,000 Chinese primary schools.

Even Tunku Abdul Rahman College will have no problem for its expansion plans in Penang and Segamat, for \$25 million it needs will be mere 'petty cash' when the Chinese community has been restored its \$1 billion worth of shares by the government. This will also release the MCA President, Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik and all the other MCA Ministers and Deputy Ministers from the need of having to go up and down the country to 'char kway teow', causing them to commit gross dereliction of their Ministerial duties.

MCA and Gerakan Ministers must explain why after failing to secure for the Chinese community a rightful apportionment of the national economic cake in the allocation of shares, they dare not now fight for the restitution of the shares worth about \$1 billion to the Chinese community?

Could it be that there had been some private arrangement with regard to the allocation of shares of all the privatised government companies which make it impossible for the MCA and Gerakan Ministers to fight for the restitution to the Chinese community of their rightful allocation of \$1 billion worth of shares?

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Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Petaling Jaya on Thursday, May 21, 1992:

Call on Anwar Ibrahim to give firm assurance that the MIDFCCS and the banks will fully reimburse all victims of the refund cheque thefts

DAP welcomes the statement by the Finance Minister, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, that share applicants who suffered losses due to fraud or negligence "have a right to get their money back".

This is however only the personal view of the Finance Minister and not the policy stand of the government.

I therefore call on the Finance Minister to give firm assurance that the MIDFCCS and the banks will fully reimburse all victims of the refund cheque thefts, and get the MIDFCCS and the banks concerned to publicly accept full responsibility to ensure that the victims will get their money back.

So far, 85 victims had reported the loss of \$2.3 million from the theft of refund cheques. The stolen cheques, mainly involving refunds for the Arab Malaysia Finance and Perusahaan Otomobil Nasional public offers, were all paid into newly-opened savings accounts at branches of Bank Bumiputera, Bank Buruh, D & C Bank, Public Bank, Perwira Habib Bank and Malayan Banking.

Whatever the causes or faults which allowed the theft of at least \$2.3 million of the refund cheques, the 85 victims who

have reported their losses to date are in no way responsible, and the MIDFCCS and the banks must not be allowed to disclaim responsibility or liability for the losses suffered by the victims.

The MIDFCCS has denied fraud by its officers, but can the MIDFCCS disclaim responsibility and liability to the victims for the losses suffered by them?

The Association of Banks in Malaysia (AMB) has conceded that there is a possibility such fraud has been well-thought out and perpetrated by professionals, making detection difficult.

However, the AMB has not stated that the banks involved were prepared to accept full responsibility and liability to fully reimburse the victims of the losses.

What the victims and the people are anxiously waiting is a joint public undertaking by the MIDFCCS and the AMB to ensure that all the victims will get their money back.

DAP calls for Commission of Inquiry into malpractices is the securities industry such as the refund cheque thefts and the allegations of siphoning off of over \$300,000 from refund cheques with regard to TEN shares

In the public interest, DAP calls for a Commission of Inquiry into the serious problem of malpractices in the securities industry, such as the refund cheque thefts and the allegation of siphoning off of over \$300,000 from refund cheques with regard to TEN shares.

There have also been widespread complaints by unsuccessful applicants for TEN shares that their application had been successful in the balloting, but they were subsequently refused the allotment. This is another securities industry scandal which should be investigated.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjong, Lim Kit Siang, in Petaling Jaya on Friday, 29th May 1992:

DAP Calls for a Public Inquiry into the TEN shares scandal where successful applicants had been denied their allocations

I have received numerous complaints by successful applicants of TEN shares who had been denied their allocations.

One applicant for instance, Wong Swee Chin (f), applied for 1,000 TEN shares.

Yesterday, her application form was returned by MIDFC-CSS with a Malayan Banking Bhd. bankdraft for \$4,500 with a letter informing her that her application had been rejected.

However, in her application form, she was marked as a successful applicant in the balloting, and an allotment number, 4542433, was given to her stating that she had been allocated 1,000 TEN shares.

Wong Swee Chin is fully justified in feeling aggrieved and cheated of her 1,000 TEN shares, which means that she has lost \$4,000 at the \$8.50 listing price for TEN yesterday.

There is a public issue of 685 million TEN shares, and the number of people who had been cheated in this fashion could run into thousands.

DAP calls for a public inquiry into this TEN shares scandal and calls on all those who have been cheated in this fashion to contact the DAP to consider joint and collective action to

seek justice and redress. They could contact any DAP or Assemblyman, or the DAP Headquarters at 24, Jalan 20/9, Paramount Garden, Petaling Jaya Tel: 03-7578022.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjong, Lim Kit Siang, in Petaling Jaya on Sunday, May 31, 1992:

If Samy Vellu is right that TAFE College has permit to operate, then Bright Sparklers Sdn. Bhd. cannot be blamed for the Sungei Buloh explosions disaster killing 24 and injuring over 100 people in the biggest fireworks explosion in Malaysian history

If the MIC President, Datuk Samy Vellu, is right that TAFE College has permit to operate although the Negri Sembilan State Education Department never issued such a permit, then the Bright Sparklers Sdn. Bhd. cannot be blamed for the Sungei Buloh explosions disaster killing 24 and injuring over 100 people in the biggest fireworks explosion in Malaysian history.

The arguments that Samy Vellu is using to convince the public that TAFE had a permit to operate sounds exactly like the arguments of the directors of Bright Sparklers Sdn. Bhd. after the fireworks factory explosion disaster last year, claiming that it could not be an illegal factory as it had been operating for 17 years.

TAFE had been operating for seven years, and by the same argument, it could not be an illegal college.

One expects such arguments from businessmen who had run afoul of the law, but not a Cabinet Minister.

It is very clear that TAFE never had a permit to operate

from 1985 onwards. If a Cabinet Minister has so scant respect for the laws of the land, how can the Government expect the ordinary people in the country to respect the laws and the government in the country?

Or are the laws in the country made only for the ordinary people - while political leaders in the Barisan Nasional like Samy Vellu are completely above the law?

TEN Directors owe the successful applicants who had been denied their allotments at the last minute a full and satisfactory explanation

TEN Directors owe the successful applicants who had been denied their allotments at the last minute a full and satisfactory explanation why their successful application had been 'hijacked' away and by whom.

Although the TEN Directors have the right to reject any application, they lost this right once an allotment had been approved.

If TEN Directors refuse to give a full and satisfactory explanation for the 'hijacking' of the successful allotments, then the public and in particular the victims of the 'hijacking' of their successful allotments have the right to believe that there is hanky-panky, dishonesty as well as criminal breach of trust on the part of the TEN Directors.

The Finance Minister, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, should direct the TEN Directors to make full public explanation of this TEN shares 'hijacking' scandal, and explain:

1. How many successful applicants had been denied their allotments in the last minute, and involving how many shares;
2. The reason for the 'hijacking' of the TEN shares

alloted to the successful applicants; and by who;

3. Whether this 'hijacking' of the allotments of TEN shares of successful applicants took place at TEN or at MIDFCSS; and
4. Whether TEN Directors are prepared to institute a full public inquiry into the TEN shares 'hijacking' scandal to prove that their entire issue of the 685 million TEN shares had been handled aboveboard, with scrupulous honesty without any hanky-panky.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Petaling Jaya on Tuesday, June 2, 1992:

The TEN shares scandal is the first case of its kind in Malaysian security industry where successful applicants were allocated shares, their cheques cleared and then their allotment hijacked

The TEN shares scandal is the first case of its kind in Malaysian security industry where successful applicants were allocated shares, their cheques cleared and then their allotment hijacked, and the successful applicants informed that their application had been rejected by the Board of Directors.

Up to now, both the TEN Board of Directors and the issuing house, MIDF Consultancy and Corporate Services Sdn. Bhd. (MIDFCCS) had not been able to explain why cheques of applicants which were to be rejected were banked and cleared, and the MIDFCCS had to issue a new bankdraft of its own to accompany the rejection notice.

In the past, no company issuing public shares or issuing house had ever banked and cleared cheques of applicants which had not been successful, as to clear these cheques is to accept their application and tantamounts to an allotment of the shares to the applicant.

The silence of the TEN Directors and MIDFCCS on this gross impropriety cannot give public confidence in the integrity of the TEN Board of Directors or the MIDFCCS.

In fact, a case can be made that for TEN and MIDFCSS to bank the cheques of the applicant and then to reject their application is a criminal offence which tantamounts to misappropriation of the TEN shares of the applicants, which must be made good by TEN and MIDFCSS.

Has TEN shares hijacking scandal caused \$24 million or \$240 million losses to the investing public?

I had asked the TEN Board of Directors and the MIDFCSS to state the number of such cases where successful applicants were allotted shares, their cheques cleared, and then their allotment hijacked at the last minute.

If this happened to one per cent of the total public issue of 685 million TEN shares, i.e. 6.8 million TEN shares, this would involve a loss by the investing public of \$24 million - based on the \$8.50 price on public listing and a \$4,000 profit for every lot.

If this happened to ten per cent of the total public issue, then this would mean a loss of \$240 million to the investing public.

The people have a right to ask whether the TEN shares hijacking scandal caused \$24 million or \$240 million losses to the investing public?

Furthermore, these are losses computed at \$8.50 per share on public listing. If the price of TEN goes up two or three times in future, the losses of the investing public would multiply two or three-fold, and could range from \$72 million to \$720 million.

DAP calls on Anwar Ibrahim to get Cabinet approval tomorrow for establishment of public inquiry into the TEN shares hijacking scandal

The TEN Board of Directors and the MIDFCSS owe the investing public a full explanation for the TEN shares hijacking scandal.

The TEN Board of Directors are:

1. Tan Sri Dato' Haji (Dr.) Ani Arope (Chairman)
Group Chief, Kumpulan Guthrie Bhd.
2. Datuk Helmi bin Mohd. Noor
Secretary-General,
Ministry of Energy, Telecommunications and Posts.
3. Dato Dr. Mazlan bin Ahmad
Deputy Secretary-General 1,
Ministry of Finance.
4. Dato Nelayander Sadasivan
Director General,
Malaysian Industrial Development Authority.
5. Haji Mohd. Zihin bin Haji Mohd. Hassan
UMNO MP for Larut.
6. Dato Hanifah bin Noordin
Public Accountant
7. Dato Chan Keong Hon,
Tin Miner, Company Director
8. Dato Megat Abdul Rahman bin Megat Ahmad
Executive Director, Kumpulan Guthrie
9. Lau Yin Pin @ Lau Yen Beng
Public Accountant
10. Dato Dr. Joseph Eravelly
Heart Specialist

It is clear from the names of the 10 Directors, three of whom are civil servants while another an UMNO MP, the Government cannot disclaim responsibility for any impropriety, malpractices or fraud in the TEN shares hijacking scandal.

DAP calls on the Finance Minister, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, to get the Cabinet approval tomorrow for the establishment of a public inquiry into the TEN shares hijacking scandal.

DAP calls on all victims of the TEN shares hijacking scandal to contact the DAP at the DAP Hqrs in Petaling Jaya, Tel: 7578022, to provide information of their case so that collective action could be taken to seek justice and redress.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Petaling Jaya on Wednesday, June 3, 1992:

DAP calls a meeting of all successful TEN applicants who had been hijacked of their allotments although their cheques were cleared

I am calling a meeting of all successful TEN applicants who had been hijacked of their allotments in the last minute, although their cheques were cleared.

Victims of the TEN shares hijacking should attend the meeting with the original and photostat copies of the relevant documents, or they should send representatives.

Those unable to attend should contact Teresa Koh, DAP Hqrs, Tel: 7578022 to furnish their documents and particulars, or to DAP offices, DAP MPs or Assemblymen who should transmit these documents to me latest by Sunday.

The meeting will discuss common action to seek justice and redress, including demanding that TEN Board of Directors and MIDFCSS make good the allotment which had been hijacked from the victims.

The meeting will be held at DAP Hqrs at No. 24, Jalan 20/9, Paramount Garden, Petaling Jaya on Sunday, June 7, 1992 at 11 a.m.

Speech by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, at the DAP Penang Tanjung 3 dinner held at Shangrila Hotel Ballroom on Wednesday, June 3, 1992 at 8.30 p.m.

DAP calls on Finance Minister, Anwar Ibrahim, to release to the public the full list of the special allocation of TEN shares whether to political parties, organisations, business groups, co-operatives or individuals

On 25th May 1992, the Finance Minister, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim declared open a one-day conference on commercial crime and called for a war against the 'triple threats to the economy' - white collar crimes, corruption and malpractice.

He said the Government would act swiftly and firmly against those responsible for these 'triple threats to the economy' which could delay the country's rise as an international commercial centre due to a loss of trust.

At the time that Anwar was speaking, two financial scandals directly bearing on the Finance Minister's 'triple threats to the economy' had broken out, while a third financial scandal of the 'triple threat' family had already happened but did not surface in public until three days after Anwar's speech.

The first two financial scandals which had already broken out when Anwar was speaking against greed in Malaysian public life were:

- * the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal where the central figure is none other than a Cabinet Minister, Datuk Samy Vellu himself; and

- * the \$17 million returned cheques scandal, where about 1,500 MIDF Consultancy and Corporate Services Sdn. Bhd (MIDFCCS) bank drafts for unsuccessful applicants for Arab Malaysia Finance Bhd., Proton and others were hijacked enroute.

However, it was the third 'triple threats' scandal which had occurred but had not become public when Anwar was speaking which might be the most serious scandal, even overshadowing both the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal and the \$17 million returned cheques scandal.

This is the TEN shares hijacking scandal. At the time Anwar Ibrahim was declaring war on the triple threats of white-collar crime, corruption and malpractice, successful applicants for TEN shares who had been allotted shares and whose bankdraft had been banked and cleared were being hijacked of their allotments.

The TEN shares hijacking scandal is probably the biggest 'white-collar crime, corruption and malpractice' to have surfaced under the National Development Policy

The magnitude of the TEN shares hijacking scandal is not yet known, but it is clear that it is very widespread, with applicants all over the country cheated of their allotment after they had succeeded in the balloting and their bankdrafts cleared.

If this last-minute hijacking of the allotment of successful applicants for TEN shares happened to one per cent of the total public issue of 685 million TEN shares, i.e. 6.8 million TEN shares, this would involve a loss by the investing public of \$24 million - based on the \$8.50 price on public listing and a \$4,000 profit for every lot.

If this happened to ten per cent of the total public issue,

then this would mean a loss of \$240 million to the investing public.

These are losses computed at \$8.50 per share on public listing. If the price of TEN goes up two or three times in future, the losses of the investing public would multiply two or three-fold, and could range from \$72 million to \$720 million.

The TEN shares hijacking scandal could therefore prove to be the greatest scandal of white-collar crimes, corruption and malpractices to date under the National Development Policy 1991 - 2000 to have surfaced publicly.

I find it most shocking that after a week of the snowballing TEN shares hijacking scandal, the Finance Minister, Anwar Ibrahim, has still maintained his silence and indifference.

How can the ordinary public have confidence in the sweet-sounding speeches of Anwar Ibrahim and other Cabinet Ministers if they cease to feel outrage and are even are utterly indifferent to the injustices perpetrated on the small investors by those entrusted with public responsibility?

I call on Anwar Ibrahim to come forward publicly to take a stand against the TEN shares hijacking scandal and get a public inquiry established so that his declaration of war against the 'triple threats against the economy' of white-collar crimes, corruption and malpractices are seen to be a genuine feeling and commitment on his part.

Apart from the TEN shares hijacking scandal, another disturbing aspect in the public issue of TEN - just like the case of Telekom and EON - is the special allocation of shares given to political parties, organisations, co-operatives and individuals, which provide immense opportunities for abuse of power, corruption and malpractices as illustrated by the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

There is widespread suspicion that there had been gross impropriety and abuses of power in the special allocation of these shares.

DAP calls on Anwar Ibrahim to make public the full list of the recipients of special allocation of TEN shares, whether political parties, organisations, business groups, co-operatives or individuals.

Anwar Ibrahim should have no reason to be reluctant or unwilling to make public the whole list of the beneficiaries in the special allocation for TEN shares, if what had been done by his Ministry was honest and above-board.

All Malaysians who care for the country must be very concerned about the 'triple threats' of white-collar crimes, corruption and malpractices becoming more rampant and widespread - to the extent that the rot seems to have gone very deep.

This is understandable, for if the leaders of society whether in politics, industry and commerce set the example of greed, misappropriating millions or tens of millions of shares, everyone in the system down to the lowliest person such as the office boy, would want to have his cut. The office boy, for instance, would be encouraged to look after himself - and if he hijacks one lot of TEN shares which had already been allocated to the successful applicant, he could convince himself that it was not very wrong when 'big shots' could hijack millions of shares!

My pro-Malaysian democracy international tour will depend on the degree of public support, particularly in public contributions towards the cost of such a tour

There have been considerable interest in my proposed pro-Malaysian democracy international tour.

This is still at a very early preliminary conceptual stage as I am fully committed with party engagements in the next three months.

The suspension of the Parliamentary Opposition Leader from attending Parliament until the end of the year cannot be seen in isolation.

It must be seen in two contexts, firstly within the country, an increasingly anti-democratic trend in the last five years, with major anti-democratic backslidings like the 1987 Operation Lalang mass detentions; the 1988 attack on the independence of the Judiciary with the sacking of Lord President, Tun Salleh Abas; the sustained attack on the freedom of speech, expression and information as seen in the unprecedented censorship and manipulation of the mass media, particularly the electronic media; and now the suspension of the Parliamentary Opposition Leader.

The second context is the international scene - where countries all over the world, including those which had been more undemocratic than Malaysia in the past, marching forward towards democracy; while in Malaysia, the opposite is taking place with more and more erosion of the democratic liberties and human rights of Malaysians.

If I am shut out of Malaysian Parliament until the end of the year, then I propose to take this battle for greater democracy and more press freedom in Malaysia to the international arena - in particular to the 80,000 Malaysian students studying overseas.

However, my pro-Malaysian democracy international tour will depend on the support I get from the Malaysian people, particularly in terms of contributions towards the costs of such a tour.

The DAP is not rich like the ruling parties in Barisan Nasional, whose leaders globe-trot frequently either at government expenses or from their own coffers.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Petaling Jaya on Friday, June 5, 1992:

DAP commends the police for its swift success in resolving the MIDFCCS refund cheques fraud but maintains that MIDFCCS is still liable for the losses suffered by the victims for its negligence

DAP commends the commercial crime section of the police for its swift success in resolving the MIDF Consultancy and Corporate Services Sdn. Bhd. (MIDFCCS) refund cheques fraud. The ability of the police to resolve a major financial fraud in so short a time is a great credit to police commercial crime section, and all police officers responsible for this major police achievement should be specially honoured on the occasion of the Yang di Pertuan Agong's birthday tomorrow by way of a special honours' list.

Federal commercial crime chief Senior Assistant Commissioner Salleh Mat Som said yesterday that a syndicate intercepted 243 of the 1,461 cheques with a total value of \$16.908 million sent by the MIDFCCS to the General Post Office. Of this number, 112 were cashed, causing a total loss of \$2.73 million to the victims.

SAC Salleh said the syndicate behind the fraud paid \$37,000 to three POS Malaysia employees to steal 243 MIDFCCS envelopes containing the refund cheques.

The cheques were then distributed to syndicate members who ordered their runners, some of whom were drug addicts,

to open bank accounts under the names of their victims to deposit the cheques and later withdraw the money.

The runners used forged identity cards obtained with the assistance of a Thailand-based forgery ring to open the accounts.

Police have detained 12 people, including the mastermind of the syndicate, and seized printing plates, thumb-printing sets, an undisclosed number of forged identity cards and hundreds of thousands of ringgit.

SAC Salleh said the police had not found any evidence linking any MIDFCCS staff to the fraud.

Although MIDFCCS seems to have been cleared of any criminal responsibility for the MIDFCCS refunds cheques scam, it had been negligent in not devising a more fool-proof system for sending out refund cheques.

Call on MIDFCCS to declare that it would send out new cheques to the 243 victims and refund them their \$2.73 million

The Finance Minister, Anwar Ibrahim, had said on 20th May 1992 that the investors' losses arising from the hijacking of the refund cheques should be made good if the cheques were lost due to fraud or negligence.

The MIDFCCS should now publicly accept responsibility for the \$2.73 million losses suffered by the investors because of its negligence in not devising a more fool-proof system, and immediately issue new cheques to the 243 investors whose cheques had been hijacked.

The MIDFCCS should take action against POS Malaysia for reimbursement of all such losses.

In fact, regardless of fraud or negligence, the liability of the MIDFCCS to immediately issue new cheques to the 243 investors and refund them \$2.73 million is very clear-cut and indisputable. This is because MIDFCCS had never refunded them their money at all.

These MIDFCCS refund cheques were hijacked half-way and were never received by the investors. The MIDFCCS had therefore never refunded the \$2.73 million to the 243 investors and therefore still owe the investors the refund. In fact, the 243 investors can and should charge MIDFCCS interest for the delay in receiving their refund of \$2.73 million.

It might have been a different story if the 243 refund cheques had been received by the investors and subsequently hijacked.

Victims of the \$2.73 million MIDFCCS refund cheques hijacking scandal are also welcome to the meeting at the Transport Workers Union Conference Room in Petaling Jaya on Sunday, 7th June 1992 at 11 a.m. where DAP MPs and I will meet with victims of the TEN shares hijacking scandal - those who had been successfully allotted TEN shares, their cheques cleared but at the last minute, had their allotment hijacked.

Victims of modern-day shares or refund cheques hijacking scandals must band together so that they have greater strength to seek justice and redress.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Petaling Jaya on Wednesday, 24th June 1992:

DAP calls on Anwar Ibrahim to withdraw the issuing house licence from MIDFCCS if it is not prepared to reimburse the 112 victims of refund cheques scandal involving \$2.73 million

I find the explanation given by MIDF Corporate and Consultancy Services Sdn. Bhd (MIDFCCS) director, Darwis Mohamed Daek, on television last night disclaiming responsibility for the refund cheques once they had been posted by MIDFCCS most irresponsible and scandalous.

Darwis said that this was a risk that the investing public had to take.

DAP calls on the Finance Minister, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, to withdraw the issuing house licence from MIDFCCS if it is not prepared to reimburse the 112 victims of the refund cheques scam involving \$2.7 million.

There is no way whereby the MIDFCCS can repudiate liability for the refund cheques scandal, where a syndicate intercepted 243 of the 1,461 cheques with a total value of \$16.908 million sent by the MIDFCCS to the General Post Office. Of this number, 112 were cashed, causing a total loss of \$2.73 million to the victims.

The hijacking of the 243 refund cheques is not the fault of the small investors who should not be made to pay for something which they are not responsible in any manner. As

the MIDFCCS refund cheques had never reached the hands of their rightful owners before they were hijacked, MIDFCCS should re-issue new refund cheques to all the 243 victims.

On the basis of public reports on the conviction and sentencing of two persons, unemployed Sim Chin Hoe and postman Ahmad Yusof, I would agree that Pos Malaysia must bear greater responsibility for the refund cheques scandal than MIDFCCS.

But this is a matter which should be sorted out between MIDFCCS and POS Malaysia, and should not be used by MIDFCCS to disclaim its responsibility and liability to reimburse the victims of their monies.

It is up to MIDFCCS to take action to get Pos Malaysia to reimburse MIDFCCS for the losses incurred.

21,180 cases of TEN shares hijacked at the last minute after successful balloting and allotment

I am also disappointed by the comments by Darwis in connection with the second scandal involving MIDFCCS: the hijacking of the TEN shares from the successful applicants, after they had succeeded in the balloting, allotment given and registered in their application forms, and in many cases, their cheques banked and cleared by the MIDFCCS.

At the last minute, the allotment of TEN shares of the successful applicants were hijacked and the applicants informed of the rejection of their application.

Altogether there were 21,180 cases of TEN shares hijacked at the last minute after successful balloting and allotment.

It is inadequate and too late for Darwis to give vague explanations for the hijacking of TEN shares from the successful applicants, as saying, for instance:

"The application forms were filled correctly. But in some cases, the copies of the identity cards were tampered or the applications didn't write their names and addresses at the back of the bank drafts.

"The respective application forms were then marked with certain code numbers to denote the reason for disqualification."

If not writing names and addresses at the back of the bankdrafts is a ground for disqualification, can Darwis explain why the MIDFCCS banked and cleared them in the first place, before informing the application of the rejection?

I met the Chairman of the TEN Board of Directors, Tan Sri Ani Arope, on Monday and handed him 48 cases of the hijacking of the TEN shares by those who have been successful in the balloting and allotment. In 17 of these cases, the MIDFCCS banked and cleared their bankdrafts before informing the applicants of their rejection; in eleven cases, the original bankdrafts were returned. In 18 other cases, I do not have information as to whether the original bankdrafts were cleared or returned.

Tan Sri Ani Arope agreed that applicants who had been successful in balloting and allotment and entitled to know the reasons for the final rejection.

Tan Sri Ani Arope said he would forward the 48 cases to the MIDFCCS for its explanation.

The following is the briefing I received from Tan Sri Ani Arope:

"BALLOTING PROCEDURE FOR TNB'S PUBLIC ISSUE

"MIDFCCS was appointed as the issuing house by TNB

for its public issue as it is the only government-approved institution to carry out public issue.

- "2. The application for Public Offering was closed on 30th March 1992. On closing date MIDFCCS received 652,297 applications for 1,074,000,000 ordinary shares for 240,122,000 ordinary shares on offer, giving an oversubscription of 3.47 times. After the normal processing by MIDFCCS, the balloting for the Bumiputra portion was carried out on 8th April, 1992 and that for the Public Portion was carried out on 15th April 1992.
- "3. During these two ballotings, apart from balloting the successful applications, the directors of TNB and their authorised representatives also balloted for reserves for the purpose of replacing any rejected applications that may arise after processing the successful applications.
- "4. The ballotings on 8th and 15th April, 1992 were carried out in the presence of regulatory authorities including representatives of the Ministry of Finance, KLSE, Registrar of Companies, ACA, EPU, and President of Malaysian Investors Association (MIA).
- "5. The entire process of balloting and processing of applications was also witnessed by the External Auditors of MIDFCCS i.e. Messrs. Salleh, Leong, Azlan and Co.
- "6. Because of overwhelming response to TNB shares, the volume was very large. Therefore it took longer to process the applications.
- "7. After balloting, the envelopes containing the share applications were stamped with a serial number. The envelopes containing the reserve applications were

also stamped "Reserves" and were also serially numbered. These were handed to the External Auditors of the MIDFCCS for safe keeping in the cabinets and locked.

- "8. When the envelopes were opened the same serial numbers were entered on to the application forms in the column provided.
- "9. The applications were then checked for compliance with the guidelines for rejection of the applications. The MIDFCCS recommended to TNB and MOF the guidelines for rejection and these guidelines were approved by the Board of Directors of TNB and also the representative of MOF. In view of the large number of applications received the TNB Board of Directors also authorised senior management executives to assist them in the balloting and processing of the application.
- "10. Among the mistakes made by the applicants were the following:
 - a) Incomplete application e.g. unsigned, undated, and predated application or I/C no. not entered onto the application form.
 - b) Non-compliance with notes and instructions No. 5 of the application form, e.g. erasure not countersigned.
 - c) Non-compliance with notes and instructions No. 9 of the application form, e.g. number of shares applied for not filled.
 - d) Non-compliance with notes and instructions No. 10(i) e.g. full name on application form differs from the photo copy of I/C;

e) Non-compliance with notes and instruction No. 12, e.g. details of remittance incorrectly filled or not filled;

f) Non-compliance with other notes and instructions, e.g. multiple applications, name and/or address of applicants not written on reverse side of remittance, name and/or address of applicants on application forms differ from that of the self-addressed envelopes.

"11. The rejected applications were replaced by balloting from the applications held in reserve by authorised representatives of the TNB Board of Directors on the 25th, 27th and 28th April, 1992.

"12. Authorised representatives of the TNB Board of Directors also balloted from the applications held in reserve for the purpose of setting aside a portion of the applications for the Mini- Ballot held on the 2nd May, 1992 to replace the final rejects. The balance of the reserves were returned on 29th April, 1992. The Mini- Ballot is intended to replace principally rejects arising from multiple applications.

"13. The above procedures are consistent with all the other previous issues handled by the MIDFCCS Sdn. Bhd. The normal rejection rate for public issues is about 10% of total successful applications and in view of its size, TNB's issue resulted in unprecedented 21,180 rejections which is equivalent to 9.61% of successful applications.

"14. Applicants who had their successful applications rejected can check with MIDFCCS as to the reason for the rejection. MIDFCCS retains a full record of all rejected applications."

I find the explanations given by the MIDFCCS unsatisfactory, and await its explanations for the 48 cases which I had handed over to Tan Sri Ani Arope.

Tan Sri Ani Arope is unable to give a satisfactory explanation as to why the MIDFCCS banked and cleared the bankdrafts of the applicants if their applications are to be rejected.

I have in fact made arrangements to meet with MIDFCCS directors, but this has been deferred until after the MIDFCCS gives a press conference on the two scandals later this week.

When the MIDFCCS banked and cleared the cheques of the successful applicants, the MIDFCCS had made use of the money of the successful applicants signifying allotment of the TEN shares and a contractual relationship had been created between the applicant and MIDFCCS acknowledging that his application for 1,000 TEN shares had been successful.

MIDFCCS cannot therefore hide behind the veil that no reason need be given for this category of at least tens of thousands who had successfully been allotted TEN shares but hijacked at the last minute.

Press Comments

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, after meeting the Anti-Corruption Agency Director-General, Tan Sri Zulkifli Mahmood at the ACA Headquarters in Kuala Lumpur on Saturday, June 27, 1992:

DAP calls for the convening of a Special Parliamentary meeting on rampant corruption and commercial crimes in Malaysia which had cost Malaysia at least \$15 billion in the past decade

DAP calls for the convening of a Special Parliamentary meeting on the rampant corruption and commercial fraud and crimes in Malaysia, which has cost the country at least \$15 billion in the past ten years.

May's Parliamentary meeting is a major set-back to the country's efforts to combat corruption and white-collar crime when the Parliamentary Opposition Leader could be suspended from attending Parliament until the end of the year for trying to make further disclosures on the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

Parliament will lose all meaning, purpose and respect if it is used to suppress corruption, abuses of power, criminal breach of trust instead of the highest forum to fight rampant corruption and white-collar crime in Malaysia.

It is no use the Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers and top government servants speaking about the gravity of corruption and white-collar crime or even talking about introducing whipping for white-collar crimes when in Parliament, the

Parliamentary Opposition Leader could be suspended from Parliament until the end of the year for trying to demand accountability in the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

The Cabinet and Government must take a more serious attitude to the problem of rampant corruption and white collar crimes in Malaysia, by upgrading the Anti-Corruption Agency and making it autonomous and responsible only to Parliament.

MIDFCCS has failed to keep its promise to give a satisfactory explanation this week on the rejection of 21,180 successful applications after they had been successful in balloting and allotment given to them

MIDFCCS has failed to keep its promise to give a satisfactory explanation this week on the rejection of 21,180 successful applications after they had been successful in balloting and allotment given to them. In many of these cases, their bankdrafts had been banked and cleared by MIDFCCS.

Last week, when my political secretary, Teng Chang Khim, tried to arrange a meeting for me with the MIDFCCS, he was told that the MIDFCCS would be holding a press conference early this week to give a full explanation to both the refund cheques scam and the TEN shares hijacking scandal, and that if I am still not satisfied with the explanation given at the press conference, a meeting could be set up.

I had agreed, and I am very disappointed that MIDFCCS had not kept its word to hold a 'Tell All Press Conference' early this week.

The MIDFCCS should have received particulars of 48 cases of those who had been successful in the balloting and allotment of TEN shares, but were rejected in the last minute. In 17 of these cases, the MIDFCCS banked and cleared their

bankdrafts before informing the applicants of their rejection; in eleven cases, the original bankdrafts were returned. In 18 other cases, I do not have information as to whether the original bankdrafts were cleared or returned.

In one case, the reason given was that the applicant, from Malacca, had made multiple applications, one using a Malacca address and another using a Kuala Lumpur address.

In actual fact, the applicant had not made any application from a Kuala Lumpur address, which was clearly made by someone who had faked the identity card. The question is how could this happen, if there is no hanky-panky inside the MIDFCCS. Did the MIDFCCS institute investigations or reported to commercial crime police to institute inquiries into this case - and ascertain what has happened to the returned cheque to the Kuala Lumpur address for this case?

DAP is shocked to discover that there is a total of 21,180 cases of last-minute 'hijacking' of the TEN shares, i.e. successful balloting and allotment, whether followed by banking and clearing of bankdrafts, and last-minute rejection.

MIDFCCS must give a satisfactory explanation for everyone of these 21,180 cases of last-minute rejections after successful balloting and allotment.

MIDFCCS has also failed to give a satisfactory stand on the refund cheques scam. The MIDFCCS should give a clear-cut position as to whether it is repudiating all responsibility and liability to re-issue refund cheques amounting to \$2.73 million to 243 victims.

If MIDFCCS refuses to honour its responsibility and liability to reimburse the 243 victims of the refund cheques scam, then the victims should petition the Finance Minister, Anwar Ibrahim, to cancel the issuing house licence of MIDFCCS.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjong, Lim Kit Siang, in Petaling Jaya on Wednesday, June 24, 1992:

DAP proposes a final two-month extension for the registration of all illegal immigrants in Malaysia

I met the Deputy Home Minister, Datuk Megat Junid Megat Ayob, at the Home Ministry this morning and proposed a final two-month extension for the registration of all illegal immigrants in Malaysia.

The reasons for the final two-month extension of the registration of all illegal immigrants in Malaysia are:

- (i) There are only six days left before the June 30 deadline for the registration of illegal alien workers. It has been reported that up to June 15, a total of 206,262 alien workers had been registered. As the Immigration Department could register only 800 to 1,000 a day, this would mean that by June 30, only about 220,000 alien workers could be registered.

This is a very low figure compared to the total illegal immigrant population in the Peninsular, and could be only about 30 per cent, which had been estimated to be in the region of 800,000 to one million.

More time is clearly needed to ensure the fullest registration of all illegal immigrants before a crack-down is launched.

- (ii) Secondly, it was only in the first week of June that the

registration of illegal alien workers had been extended from the three sectors of plantations, construction and house-maids to manufacturing and services. Clearly, three weeks are inadequate for a full registration.

- (iii) Sabah had been excluded from the national registration exercise of illegal immigrants. The registration by the Special Task Force of 357,180 illegal immigrants in Sabah is clearly too low, and the final two-month extension could also be used to register illegal immigrants missed out by the Federal-appointed Special Task Force.

Datuk Megat explained that the Government was ready to launch a crackdown on the illegal immigrants who had not registered by June 30 and that \$10 million had been allocated for this campaign.

DAP is of the view that the crackdown against all illegal immigrants would be more effective if a final two-month extension is given for the registration not only of alien labour, but of all illegal immigrants in the country.

Speech by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjong, Lim Kit Siang, at the DAP 'Back To The People' Dinner held at Bekok, Johore on Thursday, 25th June 1992 at 9 p.m.

DAP gives full backing to the government to crack-down and flush out the illegal Indonesian immigrants including hundreds of thousands who have fake blue or red identity cards

I told the Deputy Home Minister, Datuk Megat Junid Megat Ayob, when I met him at the Home Ministry yesterday that the DAP gives full backing to any government crack-down and flush out the illegal Indonesian immigrants, including the hundreds of thousands who have fake blue or red identity cards.

The DAP had been the lone but consistent voice in Parliament and outside in the seventies and eighties demanding strong government action to cleanse the country of the illegal immigrant crisis - Indonesians in Peninsular Malaysia and Filipinos and Indonesians in Sabah.

Illegal immigrants, whether Indonesian or Filipino, pose short-term as well as long-term problems and dangers to the people of Malaysia.

Short-term, the illegal immigrants create law and order problems as in the commission of crimes like burglary, armed robbery, rape and murder and socio-economic problems as in displacing Malaysians in governmental services and facilities, as educational, health and medical services; and in terms of employment opportunities denied to Malaysians. Before I left Petaling Jaya for Johore just now, I was informed of another case of a household in Subang Jaya who was robbed

by three armed illegal Indonesian immigrants, who tied up the adults in the family, ransacked the whole house and took away all their money and jewellery.

But the most serious threat posed by these illegal immigrants are long term, affecting even political developments in the country.

In fact, in the first meeting of Parliament after the 1982 general elections, I highlighted the grave issue of illegal immigrants by amending the Motion of Thanks during the debate on the Royal Address to include a clause demanding firm government action to stop the influx of illegal immigrants.

But my proposal in Parliament was rejected by MPs like Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik, Datuk Lee Kim Sai and Dr. Koh Tsu Koon.

Crackdown on illegal immigrants from July 1 onwards is ten years late

In 1987, the DAP organised a series of peaceful demonstrations in various towns of Johore like Johore Bahru, Kulai, Pontian and Batu Pahat to protest against the unchecked influx of illegal Indonesian immigrants and the crimes committed by them.

I was even arrested in Pontian in connection with the demonstration against illegal Indonesian immigrants, and used as a reason during police interrogation for my later detention under the Internal Security Act during Operation Lalang.

Although the government crackdown and flushing out of illegal immigrants would be 10 years late, DAP nonetheless fully supports the action against illegal immigrants from July 1 onwards.

I had suggested to Datuk Megat for a final two-month extension of the registration of illegal alien labour which ends next Tuesday on June 30, so that the registration covers not only illegal alien labour but all illegal immigrants in the country.

When the government launched the registration exercise from Dec. 1, 1991, it covered only the three sectors of plantation, construction and domestic maids.

Early this month, the government announced that registration of illegal alien labour would also extend to two other sectors - services and manufacturing.

What the Cabinet should have decided last year was to carry out a national registration of all illegal immigrants, and not just illegal alien labour in specified sectors.

In the press of 5th June 1992, Datuk Megat Junid said that 40,000 illegal workers in the plantations have not come forward to register because they might be holding forged red identity cards.

I believe that illegal immigrants who hold forged blue or red identity cards run not just in tens of thousands but must be counted in hundreds of thousands.

Malaysians are now used to see illegal immigrants getting red or blue identity cards within weeks or even days of their stepping on Malaysian soil.

This is why there are estimates for illegal immigrants in Peninsular Malaysia in the region between 800,000 to one million, and when Sabah is included, the total illegal immigrant population could be well over 1.5 million.

In Sabah, illegal immigrants with 'fake' blue identity cards have been given the right to vote

In Sabah, many of these illegal immigrants with these dubious blue identity cards have even been registered on the electoral roll giving them the right to vote in State and Parliamentary elections.

Datuk Megat has said that there was no way for such blue or red identity cards to be genuine as Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, as Home Minister, only approved 10 or 20 red identity card applicants a month.

The government crackdown and flush-out of the illegal immigrants from next Wednesday onwards must have as one of its major objectives the identification of the hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants who seemed to have become domiciled with fake red or blue identity cards.

The Government should seek to find out how many hundreds of thousands of fake red or blue identity cards are in the possession of illegal immigrants, whether Indonesian or Filipino, who use them to claim rights which belong to Malaysian citizens only.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjong, Lim Kit Siang, in Petaling Jaya on Tuesday, 30th June 1992:

Call on Home Ministry to allow employers to submit lists of all illegal immigrant workers as temporary registration in the next two months during the nation-wide crackdown on illegal immigrants beginning tomorrow

In the last few days, the immigration offices in the country had been deluged by employers and illegal immigrants workers who were trying to get registered before the deadline ending today, and widespread complaints of the inability of the Immigration Department to cope with such a deluge.

I had expected such a situation when I met the Deputy Home Minister, Datuk Megat Junid Megat Ayob, and suggested a final two-month extension for the registration of all illegal immigrants in the country.

In a way, the Home Ministry had failed to plan the nation-wide registration of all illegal immigrants in an orderly manner.

For over six months from Dec. 1 last year to the first week of June, the Immigration Department would only register illegal immigrant workers in three sectors - plantations, construction and domestic maids.

In the first week of June, the Home Ministry announced that illegal immigrant workers in two other sectors - manufacturing and services - should be registered. A few days

later, the Home Ministry seemed to have reached a decision that all illegal immigrants in the country should be registered - leading to the deluge of illegal immigrants and their employers in the immigration offices during the last two weeks.

Chaos and confusion is bound to occur when in the last three weeks of the registration exercise, the net is suddenly broadened to cover all illegal immigrants - which can easily be in the region of 500,000 to 700,000 people.

I had made clear to Datuk Megat Junid that the DAP fully supports the nation-wide crackdown and flush-out of illegal immigrants in the country, as we had been calling for such an operation for over a decade as the illegal immigrant problem grew by leaps and bounds.

However, such a crackdown and flush-out of illegal immigrants, which involves a massive exercise, must be planned and carried out in a systematic manner to ensure that it would not end up as a failure.

Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Noor, said at the end of last year that the police was ready for such an operation.

It is reported in today's press that Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Noor, who is chairman of the special task force on the illegal immigrants, chaired a meeting on the final preparations for the massive exercise at the Federal police headquarters in Bukit Aman, which was attended by representatives of the Police Field Force (PFF), Police Air Wing, Marine Police and Special Branch.

With six battalions engaged in the exercise, the PFF will be the biggest unit involved in the operation.

Can the Government sustain the massive crackdown operation until all illegal immigrants are detained and

deported from Malaysia?

I have no doubt about the Government's capability to launch the massive crackdown operation for the first month, but can the Government sustain such a campaign until all illegal immigrants are detained and deported from Malaysia?

The Government has prepared nine camps as the detention centres for the illegal immigrants in the crackdown in different parts of Peninsular Malaysia, which have the maximum capacity of holding 30,000 people.

The illegal immigrants arrested in the crackdown are to be interned at these camps for a maximum period of 12 days.

The question is whether the Government has enough logistical resources to deport 30,000 illegal immigrants a day from July 12 onwards, sending them to the international waters, and ensure that they do not turn back and return to the Malaysian soil by nightfall?

It is clear that the allocation of \$10 million is grossly inadequate for such a massive exercise to detain, house, feed and deport 500,000 to 700,000 illegal immigrants in the peninsula.

To ensure the success of the crackdown and flush-out operation, the Home Ministry must simplify registration procedures, and during the next two months, allow employers to submit lists of their illegal immigrant workers for temporary registration purposes - allowing the registration of individual immigrant workers to be regularised later.

The Home Ministry must also ensure that the rules over registration of illegal workers during the next two months are not so bureaucratic and complicated as to create inconvenience and hardships as well as create opportunities for graft, corruption and abuses of power.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Penang on Monday, June 29, 1992:

Is the Government fully prepared to launch a nation-wide crackdown and flush-out of the illegal immigrants from July 1 without having to wind it down for lack of planning, resources and political will?

Beginning on Wednesday, July 1, the government is to launch a nation-wide crackdown and flush-out of all illegal immigrants who had not registered with the Immigration Department by tomorrow.

The biggest question in the minds of the people is whether the government is fully prepared to launch a nation-wide crackdown and flush-out of the illegal immigrants from July 1 without having to call it off or wind it down for lack of planning, resources or political will.

This is because for the past 15 years, the Barisan Nasional Government had refused to listen to the warnings from the DAP and had allowed the illegal immigrant problem to continue to aggravate until the present state where illegal immigrants in Peninsular Malaysia has been estimated to be between 800,000 to one million, and in Sabah as between 700,000 to 800,000.

The \$10 million may not be enough just to feed 500,000 illegal immigrants in custody for one week

The \$10 million allocated for the nation-wide crackdown

and flush-out of the illegal immigrants in Peninsular Malaysia from July 1 may be totally inadequate.

How far can the \$10 million special allocation go for the operation to arrest, detain, feed, house and deport about 500,000 to 600,000 illegal immigrants who had not registered themselves?

The entire \$10 million may not be enough just to feed 500,000 illegal immigrants in custody for a week.

The Deputy Home Minister, Datuk Megat Junid Megat Ayob, had announced that nine camps had been prepared to hold the illegal immigrants for the crackdown and flush-out operation beginning on July 1. They include the Police Field Force camps at Juru in Bukit Mertajam, Langkap in Teluk Intan, Semenyih and Dusun Tua in Selangor, Lengeng in Negri Sembilan, Machap in Malacca, Kelapa Sawit and Pekan Nenas in Johore and Kemayan in Temerloh.

These nine camps however can only accommodate 30,000 people at a time, which is about five per cent of the illegal immigrants who have not registered themselves.

Has the authorities the boats and logistics to detain and deport the 500,000 to 600,000 illegal immigrants - when it is open knowledge that the majority of these illegals would turn back in the international waters to return to Malaysian soil.

DAP calls on Government to make sure that the crackdown and flush-out operation does not end as a failure

It is no wonder that Deputy Prime Minister, Ghafar Baba, said in November last year that the government would like to arrest foreign workers who were working illegally in sectors other than the three approved areas of plantation, construction and domestic maids, but "we do not have the manpower to do this".

Has the manpower and logistics problem to deport all illegal immigrants been overcome?

DAP calls on the Government to be very serious with the crackdown and flush-out operation beginning on July 1, and ensure that it does not end up as a failure.

The DAP recommends that a National Operations Centre be set up for the crackdown and flush-out of illegal immigrants on July 1 itself, with the country fully informed of the progress and problems of the operation.

TRANSPORT

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjong, Lim Kit Siang, in Petaling Jaya on Tuesday, 23rd June 1992:

DAP calls on Cabinet to set up a second Royal Commission of Inquiry to investigate why there are so many mishaps, disasters and unnecessary deaths affecting road, rail, airport and port services during the tenure of Liong Sik as Transport Minister

The death toll of the Shell Tiram Kimia Oil Depot Inferno has climbed to 13 lives, making it worse than the 1980 South Port fire in Port Klang which killed three persons.

The Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, said that the Oil Depot Inferno should not have happened and that steps should be taken to ensure that similar fires did not occur.

The same sentiments were expressed by the then Prime Minister, Tun Hussein Onn, during the 1980 South Port fire - but this did not prevent the Shell Tiram Kimia Oil Depot Inferno from taking place.

Federal Ministers have repeatedly prove themselves to be experts in giving 'verbal' assurances about safety precautionary actions which are never backed by actions.

A Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Shell Tiram Kimia Oil Depot Inferno must be established, although it is no comfort to the families of the 13 who had perished in the inferno.

DAP suggests that the Cabinet should set up a second Royal Commission of Inquiry to investigate why there are so many mishaps, disasters and unnecessary deaths involving road, rail, airport and port services during the tenure of the MCA President, Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik, as Transport Minister - and whether he has failed to provide the leadership and direction needed to avoid so many tragedies.

This second Royal Commission of Inquiry should inquire into all other potential disaster areas under the Transport Ministry, as Liong Sik is incapable of doing this and has no time for it - spending all his time and energies up and down the country to `char kway teow'!

DAP commends the Fire Services Department and the firemen for their sterling performance in the Oil Depot Inferno, risking their lives to put the blaze under control although they are ill-equipped to deal with such a fire. The Oil Depot Inferno should be lesson to the government on the need to provide specialised training and resources so that the Fire-fighting Services is sufficiently equipped to deal with such fires.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjong, Lim Kit Siang, in Petaling Jaya on Thursday, June 25, 1992:

Another black-mark for Liong Sik as Transport Minister - his failure to do enough homework to convince the Cabinet to establish Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Port Klang Oil Depot Inferno which killed 13 people

The Cabinet rejection of the proposal by the Transport Minister, Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik, for the establishment of a Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Port Klang Oil Depot Inferno which killed 13 people is another black-mark in Liong Sik's Ministerial record as Transport Minister.

It is clear that Liong Sik had not done enough homework to convince the Cabinet on the need and importance to set up a Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Port Klang Oil Depot Inferno.

When Liong Sik visited the scene of the inferno on Sunday, he announced that a Royal Commission of Inquiry headed by a retired judge would be set up "to investigate the cause of the explosions and recommend preventive measures".

However, when Liong Sik brought his proposal for the establishment of a Royal Commission of Inquiry to the Cabinet, it was rejected.

Liong Sik explained after the Cabinet meeting yesterday that the investigations into the Port Klang Oil Depot Inferno would be undertaken by the police and other agencies. He said

the Cabinet felt these agencies would complete investigations faster than a royal commission.

This is the first time that a Cabinet Minister had been openly and publicly overruled by the Cabinet on a matter which comes directly under his Ministry.

Public complaints that Liong Sik is failing his Ministerial duties in spending on all his time and energies going up and down the country to 'char kway teow' have now been proved right, as the Cabinet has also shown its lack of confidence in his judgement as Transport Minister when it rejected his proposal to set up a Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Port Klang Oil Depot Inferno.

Cabinet wrong in rejecting the proposal for establishment of Royal Commission of Inquiry into Port Klang Oil Depot Inferno

In fact, the Cabinet is wrong in rejecting the proposal for the establishment of a Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Port Klang Oil Depot Inferno.

I would urge the Cabinet to reconsider its rejection of a Royal Commission of Inquiry, and Liong Sik should make a second attempt in Cabinet to get such a Royal Commission of Inquiry set up into the Port Klang Oil Depot Inferno.

If Liong Sik wants my help to prepare and strengthen his second submission to the Cabinet for the establishment of a Royal Commission of Inquiry, I am prepared to extend to him all assistance in the public interest.

The reason for the rejection of a Royal Commission of Inquiry because it can take up to five years is unacceptable. This problem can be overcome by giving the Royal Commission of Inquiry a time-frame within which it must complete its work. Alternatively, the Royal Commission could be

instructed to come out with an interim report in the shortest time possible on the immediate preventive measures that must be taken to prevent a recurrence of the Oil Depot Inferno.

The assumption that if a Royal Commission of Inquiry is set up, the police and other agencies should suspend all their investigations into the Oil Depot Inferno and cannot take actions like introducing new preventive measures is unfounded and wrong.

Even if a Royal Commission of Inquiry is set up, it cannot and must not replace the investigations and work that must be carried out by the police and other agencies.

There is nothing wrong or unusual if the Royal Commission of Inquiry comes out with a different finding in certain aspects of the Oil Depot Inferno from the police or other agencies. In fact, this is something to be encouraged.

I do not see why for instance, if the police has sufficient evidence to arrest and prosecute anyone for negligence in connection with the Port Klang Oil Depot Inferno, the police should wait until the Royal Commission of Inquiry had completed its findings. Such police action should be instituted immediately, without or without a Royal Commission of Inquiry.

Liong Sik more interested in getting Cabinet approval for increase of MAS domestic fares rather than establishment of Royal Commission of Inquiry into Port Klang Oil Depot Inferno

The advantages and benefits of a Royal Commission of Inquiry into a disaster like the Oil Depot Inferno is that it would be able to give an overview to all the dimensions of the disaster, including the effects on the environment, the population, the liability or negligence of the Ministry of Transport, Klang Port authorities, oil companies, tankers, etc.,

which would be impossible in the case of separate investigations by different government agencies.

The publicity attending such a Royal Commission of Inquiry would also have a highly educative effect on impressing on all government agencies as well as private corporations their public and corporate responsibility to uphold the public interest, and raise greater public awareness and consciousness about the likelihood of such disasters.

It is most unfortunate that Malaysians get the impression that at the Cabinet meeting yesterday, Liong Sik was more interested in pushing for Cabinet approval for increase of MAS domestic fares rather than in pushing for Cabinet approval for establishment of a Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Port Klang Oil Depot Inferno.

The Transport Minister is not performing the public any service in putting the interests of MAS above the public interest in connection with the Port Klang Oil Depot Inferno.

Call on Liong Sik to exempt all existing cars from the new rule requiring third brake lights

Liong Sik's sympathies have always been with the big corporations, tycoons and towkays and not with the ordinary people.

This was again illustrated when two days ago he announced new rules to the Road Transport Act to check road accidents, but which would impose unjustifiable financial burdens on the ordinary people.

Liong Sik wants all new cars to be fitted with third brake lights and rear seat belts from Jan. 1, while for old cars, owners must instal the third brake lights by July 1 next year; and requiring motorcyclists to switch on the headlights from Sept. 1 this year, and to use reflective strips on crash helmets

from Jan. 1.

Why didn't Liong Sik confine the new rule on third brake lights to all new cars from January 1, exempting all old cars? Liong Sik would claim that the installation of third brake lights would not cost much money - but clearly somebody is going to make a fortune from such new rules when every car registered on the road had to be refitted with the third brake lights.

A Transport Minister who thinks of the ordinary people first rather than the big corporations, tycoons and towkays would not compel existing cars to instal the third brake lights, and would apply it only to all new cars.

I call on Liong Sik to amend the new ruling to exempt all existing cars from the need to instal third brake lights.

DAP also calls on Liong Sik to reconsider and withdraw the new rulings affecting the motor-cyclists.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Penang on Monday, June 29, 1992:

Liong Sik should spend some time on improving the efficiency, service and safety of KTM instead of going up and down the country to 'char kway teow'

Public dissatisfaction against the lack of efficiency, service and safety of KTM is probably the greatest in its history, but the Minister of Transport, Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik, seems to be completely indifferent and unbothered.

There has recently been an unprecedented increase of train derailments and mishaps in Malaysia, with two cases in 1989, two cases in 1990, four cases in 1991 and nine cases in the first six months of 1992 alone.

From the safest and most reliable form of public transport, KTM has become the most unreliable and even a high-risk form of public transport.

In the past few days for instance, train passengers had suffered great inconveniences and hardships because of prolonged delays in the KTM service.

For instance, the KL-Penang Express Rakyat on Saturday was to reach Butterworth at 9.45 p.m., but was two hours late, arriving only at 11.45 p.m. The delays of the Express Rakyat are becoming so frequent and prolonged that it is time that the word 'Express' be removed.

Last night's Butterworth-KL night mail was to reach Kuala Lumpur at 7 a.m. but it was delayed by nearly two hours.

Liong Sik must decide whether he is going to spend some time to improve the efficiency, service and safety of KTM, or he is going to spend all his time going up and down the country to 'char kway teow'.

I had criticised Liong Sik's judgment in appointing the Secretary-General of the Transport Ministry, Datuk Dr. Mohamed Nor Ghani, to head a one-man inquiry into the KTM Rawang derailment on June 20, which killed one person and injured 30 others, especially as the inquiry into the Kuala Lumpur International Airport fire which was also headed by Dr. Mohamed Nor had not completed its investigations.

Liong Sik said yesterday that the inquiry into the KL Airport Fire, which claimed three lives, had been completed and that the inquiry report was being written up and would be ready in "a few days."

By past records, it would not be surprising if Liong Sik's "a few days" extends into "a few weeks". In any event, this justifies my criticism because until the passage of "a few days", Dr. Mohamed Nor would not be able to start inquiry into the the KTM mishap in Rawang when the new South Korean coaches were put into commercial service for the first time.

Can Liong Sik explain why Dr. Mohamed Nor is heading a one-man inquiry, instead of having the usual three-man panel?

Is the Secretary-General of the Ministry of Transport going to be appointed to head one-man inquiry into all future mishaps on road, rail, airport and port services, become a professional 'inquirer'? May be Dr. Mohamed Nor should seriously consider asking for a switch of job.

The next day after the KTM Rawang mishap, Liong Sik said that he would look up the laws to set up a special inquiry which would be headed by a retired judge. Why did he abandon this proposal?

Liong Sik should ask the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, to be transferred out from the Transport Ministry if he is not prepared to devote time, energy and attention to improving the efficiency, service and safety of KTM as well as other services which come under the jurisdiction of the Transport Ministry.

If Liong Sik wants only to go up and down the country to 'char kway teow', an ideal Ministry for the MCA President would be the Ministry of Welfare Services.

GENERAL

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Petaling Jaya on Wednesday, June 10, 1992:

Malaysia is keeping dubious company in being grouped with the United States as the "worst" five nations or agencies in the first two weeks of the Earth Summit

Malaysia is keeping dubious company in being grouped with the United States as the "worst" five nations or agencies in the first two weeks of the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro.

Environmental activists at the Earth Summit at Rio de Janeiro delivered this interim verdict on Monday, producing a list of the "worst" five nations or agencies in the first of the meeting's two weeks.

Topping the list prepared by a coalition of non-governmental groups was the United States, "chosen unanimously and without debate for the most destructive role in the two conventions and in seven out of every 10 questions on Agenda 21".

The United States had watered down a key convention to fight global warming and refused to sign a second treaty to protect endangered plants and animals.

Washington has also raised objections to a number of clauses in Agenda 21, the conference's ambitious blueprint for economic growth without destroying the environment.

Second on the list was Saudi Arabia which, the group said,

had tried to cut "any reference whatsoever to renewable energies" in the summit's texts.

Japan won inclusion "for introducing themselves as the environmental superpower yet always hiding behind the back of the US while supporting them silently on most issues", and refusing to commit itself to sign the biodiversity convention and make big new financial pledges.

Malaysia was fourth on the list for using the question of national sovereignty to jeopardise the convention on forestry and the rights of indigenous people.

The fifth is the International Atomic Energy Authority for presenting nuclear power as a green energy solution while keeping its problems out of the documents.

DAP calls on the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, to speak not on behalf of the North or South, but for all humanity, in the Rio Conference.

While he should rightly criticise President George Bush and the United States for a most selfish attitude and policy at the Earth Summit, putting his re-election campaign before the environmental concerns of mankind, Malaysia must not be seen to be taking a similar 'tit for tat' selfish policy in retaliation.

The 17 million Malaysian people cannot feel proud being grouped together with the United States among the "worst" five nations or agencies at the Earth Summit.

Dr. Mahathir must ensure that at the end of the Earth Summit, Malaysia would not be included in the list of the "worst" five nations by taking a responsible stand and attitude on world environmental problems and issues at Rio de Janeiro - both for the sake of Malaysia and mankind.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Petaling Jaya on Wednesday, 10th June 1992:

The results of the re-marking of the SPM Bahasa Malaysia last year where only 16 out of 4,289 candidates who appealed were given better grades is most shocking, unbelievable and scandalous

The Education Minister, Datuk Dr. Sulaiman Daud's announcement of the results of the re-marking of the SPM Bahasa Malaysia paper last year is most shocking, unbelievable and scandalous.

Dr. Sulaiman said that out of the 4,289 candidates who applied to have their Bahasa Malaysia paper reviewed, only 16 were given better grades with one of them who had failed the examination getting a Grade 2.

Of the 16 candidates, 15 of them who had a "Pass 7" in Bahasa Malaysia paper were given a "Credit 6" - resulting in their getting a Grade One instead of Two in the SPM. The other candidate who had failed in his Bahasa Malaysia paper was given a "Pass 8" enabling him to get a Grade Two.

Dr. Sulaiman said the "public outcry over the unfairness in the marking is uncalled for as the review showed that there is no real weakness in the marking of the papers."

When Dr. Sulaiman said at the last weekend that the results of the re-marked papers of last year's SPM Bahasa Malaysia paper were not very different from the original ones, I had

thought that the Minister of Education was referring to ten to twenty per cent change in the results of the 4,289 candidates who had appealed. I would have regarded this as a very low figure and found it completely unsatisfactory and unacceptable.

Now, the results announced Dr. Sulaiman is even worse than what I had feared. The change of results for 16 out of 4,289 candidates who appealed is less than 0.04 per cent, i.e. out of one thousand who appealed, less than four candidates succeeded in getting their results changed and upgraded.

This is a most shocking, unbelievable and scandalous result - and has aggravated public loss of confidence in the public examination system, extending it to the review and re-marking of SPM papers.

Teachers from schools which had traditionally did well in SPM Bahasa Malaysia and who had advised their students to appeal against the SPM Bahasa Malaysia paper last year are as disappointed and shocked as the students, their friends and parents.

With this shocking, unbelievable and scandalous result of the review and re-marking of the SPM Bahasa Malaysia paper last year, where there was less than 0.04 per cent change and upgrading of results, very few is going to appeal against a re-marking in future as this will be regarded as an utter waste of time.

Clearly something is very wrong in the public examinations system in the country, and it is most shocking that both the Education Minister, Dr. Sulaiman Daud and the Deputy Education Minister, Dr. Fong Chan Onn, can allow such loss of public confidence in the public examination system to deepen and worsen.

It is for the Education Minister to prove that the re-

marking of the 4,289 SPM Bahasa Malaysia paper last year was done in a professional manner. This can only be done if the Education Minister sets up a panel of educationists from outside the Ministry, representing a fair cross-section of the people, to conduct a further review of the re-marking of the 4,289 SPM Bahasa Malaysia papers.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Penang on Sunday, 21st June 1992:

DAP calls for an independent inquiry as to the train derailment causing one death and 30 injured during the first commercial service of the new South Korean coaches

Three days ago, there was great fanfare when the Transport Minister, Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik, launched the first eleven coaches from South Korea. The eleven coaches are part of the consignment of 80 coaches ordered from Hyundai Industries Limited of South Korea costing \$130 million.

Yesterday, during its first commercial service, seven of the eleven new South Korean coaches jumped the rails near Rawang, killing one passenger and injuring 30 others in the Express Rakyat run from Butterworth to Kuala Lumpur.

This also resulted in thousands of passengers being stranded as the train services were disrupted.

DAP calls for an independent inquiry as to the train derailment of the new South Korean coaches.

The public had noted the absence of Liong Sik at the scene of the derailment, although the Transport Minister was very conspicuous on the scene during the launching of the new South Korean coaches three days ago.

Meeting with Telecoms Board Chairman, Tan Sri Ani Arope, on the TEN shares hijacking in Kuala Lumpur

tomorrow

I will meet the Chairman of the TEN Board of Directors, Tan Sri Ani Arope, in Kuala Lumpur tomorrow over the TEN shares hijacking scandal, where successful applicants in the balloting who had allotment numbers recorded on their application forms and their cheques banked and cleared were hijacked of their allotment at the last minute.

I will be showing to Tan Sri Ani Arope the complaints the DAP had received from these unsuccessful applicants and their demand for restoration of their rightful allotment.

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