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INTRODUCTION

This second enlarged edition of my 'Selected Speeches & Press Statements - April to May 1992' appears under the title 'Samy Vellu and the MAIKA Scandal'.

It includes a new section carrying four extracts from the Hansards of the Dewan Rakyat during the May 1992 Parliament which show how the DAP's expose of the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal led to the unholy conspiracy by Barisan Nasional Ministers and MPs with MIC President, Datuk Seri Samy Vellu, to suspend me from Parliament until the end of the year.

I said in Parliament on 28 April 1992 that press control, censorship and manipulation have become so serious that Malaysians are entitled to ask: "Are the Malaysian press only free to print lies but not free to publish the truth?"

The Barisan Nasional-controlled press, both electronic and printed, blacked out the DAP's speeches and statements, and Barisan Nasional leaders blamed the DAP for being silent.

This was what the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohamad did yesterday.

The New Straits Times today reported Dr. Mahathir as accusing me of being anti-Islam, stating that "until today, Dr. Mahathir had not heard Lim's opinion on the suffering of Muslims in Bosnia-Herzegovina" and the remark by Dr. Mahathir: "Is it all right for Bosnian Muslims to be oppressed? If it involves the non-Muslims, it will become an

issue and we are very sad about this."

In actual fact, in the past one week alone, I had issued four press statements condemning the Serbian atrocities and genocide of the Muslims in Bosnia and demanding international action to save the Muslims in Bosnia.

The New Straits Times, Star, the Radio and Television all blacked these statements, and when Dr. Mahathir falsely accused me of being silent on the suffering of the Muslims in Bosnia, they gave this false accusation big play although they knew its falsity.

Malaysians cannot depend on the Barisan Nasional-controlled mass media, both electronic and printed, for basic facts and informations anymore, and this is why this book is published to break the press blackout against DAP in Malaysia.



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ISLAMIC STATE

Statement by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, when launching the DAP 'Back To The People Campaign' in the Seremban Parliamentary Constituency on Tuesday, April 21, 1992 at 11.30 a.m.

DAP does not condone but condemn any attempt by PAS to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians while MCA and Gerakan will aid and abet PAS by amending the Federal Constitution to facilitate the Islamic law penalties of amputation of limbs, stoning and whipping of non-Muslim Malaysians

MCA and Gerakan leaders are now blaming the DAP for the announcement by the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, for his Johore Bahru announcement last Thursday that the Federal Government has adopted a new policy not to oppose or prevent the imposition of hukum hudud punishments of limbs-amputation, whipping and stoning of the Chinese and non-Muslims and to amend the Federal Constitution to allow PAS to introduce such hukum hudud in Kelantan.

I am prepared to apologise to the Malaysian Chinese and the country at large if the MCA President, Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik or the Gerakan President, Datuk Dr. Lim Keng Yaik, could produce proof that I am more influential than either of them with Dr. Mahathir and that I am responsible for persuading the Prime Minister to announce the new Federal Government policy in Johore Bahru.

Am I also to be blamed for Liong Sik and Keng Yaik declaring their full support for Mahathir's new Federal Government policy

Immediately after Mahathir's Johore Bahru announcement of the new Federal Government policy that it is prepared to amend the Federal Constitution to allow hukum hudud to be imposed on the non-Muslim Malaysians, both Liong Sik and Keng Yaik competed as to who would be the first to give the most full-hearted public support to Mahathir's policy announcement.

I want to ask whether I am also to be blamed firstly, for Liong Sik and Keng Yaik declaring their full support for Mahathir's new Federal Government policy to amend the Federal Constitution to remove the secular basis of Malaysia, and secondly, for the competition between them as to who would be the first to give the most full-hearted public support to Dr. Mahathir for the Johore Bahru policy announcement?

If Liong Sik and Keng Yaik, for their own reasons, want to give full support to Dr. Mahathir's new Federal Government policy to amend the Federal Constitution to allow the establishment of an Islamic State and the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, and commit the greatest political betrayal in MCA and Gerakan history, then let them have the courage to defend their own action rather than put the blame on the DAP.

Some independent observers have fallen victim to the MCA and Gerakan propaganda and accused the DAP of 'condoning' PAS in establishing an Islamic State and imposing hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

I am shocked at the complete absence of reasoning and logic in such a view.

How can PAS back out from its objective to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslims when MCA and Gerakan leaders have promised support to amend the Federal Constitution to pave the way for PAS?

The DAP does not 'condone' but condemn any attempt by PAS to establish an Islamic State or impose hukum hudud penalties of limbs-amputation, whipping and stoning on the Chinese and non-Muslim Malaysians.

On the contrary, it is MCA and Gerakan which, for their own petty and spiteful reasons, are aiding and abetting PAS by facilitating the establishment of an Islamic State and the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians when they declared their support for the new Federal Government Policy to amend the Constitution to fulfil PAS' objectives.

I cannot understand the logic of those who accuse DAP of 'condoning' PAS to establish an Islamic State and impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, when we have made it crystal-clear that we will not compromise in our opposition to an Islamic State as it is utterly incompatible to the secular basis of the Malaysian Constitution and unsuitable for a multi-racial, multi-religious and democratic Malaysia. We had also publicly declared that we would be in the forefront to oppose any attempt to introduce hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians including challenging the unconstitutionality of such actions in the courts.

It is precisely because DAP objected to an Islamic State for Malaysia that we refused to enter into an Opposition pact with PAS in the 1986 general elections. This is also the reason why the DAP had not entered into any relationship with PAS in the 1990 general elections.

But these political observers seem to 'condone' the MCA and Gerakan's greatest political betrayal in MCA and Gerakan history in wanting to aid PAS to establish an Islamic State and impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians by removing the secular guarantee in the Federal Constitution.

It is clear that it is not DAP which is 'condoning' PAS on the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians,

but MCA and Gerakan, which are not only 'condoning' PAS but actively encouraging PAS by supporting Mahathir's new Federal Government policy to amend the Constitution to pave the way for PAS to introduce hukum hudud.

How can PAS back out from its commitment to the establishment of an Islamic State and the introduction of hukum when non-Muslim leaders like the MCA and Gerakan Presidents have promised support to the new Federal Government Policy to amend the Federal Constitution to open to way for PAS to establish the Islamic State?

Mahathir is wrong to accuse the DAP for the defeat of the Barisan candidates in Kota Bahru in the last general elections

The MCA and Gerakan leaders have become so politically bankrupt and desperate that they have to appeal to Mahathir for help to attack the DAP. This was why Mahathir repeated the MCA and Gerakan allegation on Saturday night that it was the DAP which had helped to vote PAS into power in Kelantan by calling on the Chinese voters in Kota Bahru to vote for PAS in the last general elections.

Mahathir is wrong to accuse the DAP for the defeat of the Barisan Nasional candidates in Kota Bahru, and in particular for the defeat of Cabinet Minister, Tengku Ahmad Rithaudeen, in the Kota Bahru parliamentary seat.

I am surprised that Mahathir is so misinformed about why the Barisan Nasional was completely wiped out in Kota Bahru and in the whole Kelantan State in the last general elections.

Mahathir does not seem to know that in Kelantan, the Chinese and non-Malays comprise less than five per cent of the electorate and that they are in no position to influence the outcome of the state general elections results. Even if 100 per cent of the Chinese in Kelantan vote for Barisan Nasional,

the 39 - 0 result in the Kelantan state general elections with UMNO not winning a single seat would have remained the same.

In any event, the statement by Mahathir that the DAP called on the Chinese voters in Kota Bahru to vote for PAS is completely untrue.

This is because the Kota Bahru parliamentary seat was not contested by PAS, but by Semangat 46 candidate, Hajah Ilani Ishak, who defeated the incumbent Federal Minister, Tengku Ahmad Rithaudeen by over 15,000-vote majority.

In the Padang Garong state seat in Kota Bahru, the DAP fielded a candidate itself. The seat was won by the Berjasa candidate, and the MCA candidate, Lim Jit Keng, had no chance of winning even if the DAP's entire vote was given to the MCA.

This is because Lim Jit Keng (MCA) secured 4,602 votes, while DAP's Lim Kok Kee polled 2,156 votes. Even if both these votes were added up, it was not enough to defeat the Berjasa candidate, who secured 7,341 votes.

DAP's 'Back To The People Campaign' the centrepiece of the 24-month Party Reform

One of the objectives of the DAP's 'Back To The People Campaign' is to explain the truth to the people, and not to allow the MCA and Gerakan to mislead the people with their distortions, falsehoods and lies on a whole variety of subjects.

This is why the DAP announced that the nation-wide expose of the MCA and Gerakan's greatest political betrayal in their history as the fifth theme of the DAP's 'Back To The People Campaign'.

This 'Back To the People Campaign' is the centrepiece of

the external dimension of the 24-month Party Reform of the DAP and will last for 20 months.

It is a nation-wide campaign which will be taken down to the state, constituency and branch levels. This is why I am today launching the 'Back To The People Campaign' at the Seremban Parliamentary constituency level after launching the campaign in the Negri Sembilan State last week.

Why Liong Sik dare not challenge UMNO to set up a private college in Malaysia?

Yesterday, the MCA President, Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik, repeated in Port Dickson for the third time in two weeks his challenge to the DAP to set up its own college like the MCA's Tunku Abdul Rahman College (TARC).

Liong Sik's 'political handlers' must have told the MCA President that he has got a 'sure winner' against the DAP at last because I had been silent, which must have meant that I dare not respond to his challenge.

Liong Sik's 'political handlers' cannot be more mistaken, for I had not replied personally because I had not thought it important or urgent enough as compared to the many other issues to be addressed. Other DAP leaders however had replied to Liong Sik's challenge.

Yesterday, Liong Sik also asked the DAP not to 'avoid the challenge'. This is a most extraordinary demand from the MCA President, who had spent his entire political career running away from challenges, whether it be running away from Bagan constituency in Penang in 1986 to Labis in Johore, or from my latest challenge to him to contest against me in Tanjong in the next general elections.

The DAP, however, does not run away from MCA challenges.

However, before I reply to Liong Sik's challenge, I want him to answer two preliminary questions first.

MCA is challenging the DAP to set up a college. Why is it the MCA dare not challenge UMNO as a political party to set up a college?

Liong Sik said that the MCA's target is to collect \$20 million from the Chinese community for TARC and that it has collected so far \$7 to \$8 million.

Why is it UMNO does not have to raise \$20 million from the Malay community to set up a private college, like the MCA is doing from the Chinese community?

Let Liong Sik answer these two preliminary questions first before I respond to his challenge to the DAP to set up a private college. I give Liong Sik 48 to consult his 'political handlers' to reply to these two preliminary questions.

Speech by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, to the DAP National Publicity Committee on Tuesday, 21st April 1992 at 8 p.m.

Are Liong Sik and Keng Yaik aware that MCA and Gerakan are forcing PAS into a corner where it has no choice but to persist in its stand to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians?

Recently, the Gerakan Deputy President and the Deputy Works Minister, Kerk Choo Ting, told the non-Muslim Chinese: "Do not use your own hands to stir up a storm of religious extremism and narrow racialism."

It is very sad that the MCA and Gerakan leaders, including Kerk Choo Ting, are doing precisely what he had urged non-Muslim Chinese not to do.

I want to ask the MCA President, Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik, and the Gerakan President, Datuk Dr. Lim Keng Yaik, whether they are aware that they are 'using their own hands to stir up a storm of religious extremism' by forcing PAS to persist in its stand to impose hukum hudud with its Islamic penalties of limbs-amputation, whipping and stoning on the Chinese and non-Muslims?

When the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, announced in Johore Bahru the new Federal Government policy not to oppose or prevent the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians and even to amend the Federal Constitution to remove the secular guarantee to allow the establishment of an Islamic State, he justified it on the ground that UMNO had been accused by PAS of being an

obstacle to implement hukum hudud and that UMNO was therefore not so Islamic.

From the narrow context of the UMNO-PAS political rivalry and competition, Mahathir may have tactical reason to make this announcement but what is good politics for UMNO is not right or responsible policy for the Malaysian nation.

However, on what grounds could the MCA President and the Gerakan President express full support to the new Federal Government policy to allow the Federal Constitution to be amended to permit the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians?

Are Liong Sik and Keng Yaik aware that by declaring MCA and Gerakan support for the amendment of the Federal Constitution to permit PAS to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, they are in fact forcing PAS into a corner whereby it has no choice but to persist in its stand on the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians?

This is because PAS will come under intense pressure and could be accused of not being Islamic enough if it compromises and agrees that hukum hudud should not be imposed on non-Muslims - when even non-Muslim political leaders like the MCA President and the Gerakan President have agreed to allow PAS to impose Islamic laws on non-Muslims by supporting the amendment of the Federal Constitution?

DAP calls on Liong Sik and Keng Yaik not to undermine DAP's opposition to any attempt by PAS to impose hukum on non-Muslim Malaysians by instigating PAS on the issue by declaring support to amend the Constitution

With such a public stand by Liong Sik and Keng Yaik, DAP's uncompromising opposition to any attempt by PAS to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians would be

undermined, for PAS leaders could turn around and point to the encouragement they are getting from MCA and Gerakan leaders who have even agreed to the amendment of the Federal Constitution to pave the way for PAS to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

What Liong Sik and Keng Yaik are now doing is exactly what Kerk Choo Ting said recently about "using one's own hands to stir up a storm of religious extremism" in Malaysia.

DAP therefore calls on Liong Sik and Keng Yaik not to undermine DAP's uncompromising opposition to any attempt by PAS to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians by instigating PAS on the issue by declaring MCA and Gerakan support of amendment to the Constitution.

This is why I have described the support of the MCA and Gerakan President for the new Federal Government policy to amend the Federal Constitution to allow the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians as the greatest political betrayal of MCA and Gerakan in history.

Or is it the ulterior objective of MCA and Gerakan's greatest political betrayal in history to instigate PAS to persist in its stand on the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, so that the MCA and Gerakan can continue with their campaign of lies against the DAP by putting the blame on the DAP?

MCA and Gerakan Ministers and MPs must make clear their opposition in Cabinet and Parliament to amend the Constitution to remove the secular guarantee even if it means their removal from the Barisan Nasional

No right-thinking or responsible political leader or ordinary citizen could agree to the removal of the Constitutional guarantee that Malaysia is a secular state in exchange for a verbal undertaking by any political party that Islamic laws

would not be imposed on non-Muslim Malaysians.

The Federal Constitution is now the most formidable barrier against any attempt from any quarter to impose Islamic laws on non-Muslim Malaysians. Once this constitutional barrier is removed, to quote Kerk Choo Ting again, it will 'stir up a storm of religious extremism' which cannot be stopped.

I call on MCA and Gerakan leaders to stop playing games with the constitutional rights and protection of Malaysians against an Islamic State, by making clear that they oppose Mahathir's new Federal Government policy announced last Thursday.

All MCA and Gerakan Ministers and MPs must also make clear that they will vote against any proposal in Cabinet and Parliament to amend the Federal Constitution to remove the secular clause even if it means their removal from the Barisan Nasional.

Speech by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, at a dinner of Penang DAP MPs and State Assemblymen held in Penang on Thursday, 23rd April 1992 at 8 p.m.

DAP calls on PAS to respect the constitutional rights and religious sensitivities of non-Muslim Malaysians and declare categorically that hukum hudud would not be imposed on non-Muslim Malaysians

The 389-vote win of the Barisan Nasional and the defeat of the PAS incumbent in the Bukit Payong state assembly by-election in Trengganu on Tuesday has been interpreted as a rejection of the Malay voters in Trengganu of PAS for its stand on the hukum hudud.

The reaction of the people outside Bukit Payong and even Trengganu to the by-election result is important.

There is no doubt that at the beginning, PAS had the sympathy of the people as a whole, including the non-Muslim Malaysians, throughout the country as it was generally felt that it was most unfair and undemocratic that the election of the PAS Assemblyman for the constituency, Haji Baharudin Mohamed, in the general elections was declared null and void and that PAS had to fight a by-election in Bukit Payong.

However, when the Kelantan Mentri Besar, Nik Aziz Nik Mat, and other PAS leaders repeatedly declared that PAS would impose the hukum hudud with its penalties of limbs-amputation, whipping and stoning on all races, including non-Muslim Malaysians, PAS had forfeited this initial sympathy to the extent that its defeat in the by-election is generally welcomed by all who had earlier felt it was only fair that it

won back the seat.

Nik Aziz Nik Mat and other PAS leaders should realise that everytime they assure the non-Muslim Malaysians that they have nothing to fear from the imposition of hukum hudud, they are not allaying any apprehension and anxieties but igniting greater alarm and fears among non-Muslim Malaysians.

DAP calls on PAS to respect the constitutional rights and religious sensitivities of non-Muslim Malaysians and declare categorically that hukum hudud would not be imposed on non-Muslim Malaysians.

If PAS is not prepared to give this categorical assurance that no Islamic law would be compulsorily imposed on non-Muslim Malaysians, and persist in its attempt to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, then it would isolate itself as a political party which is completely unsuitable for a multi-racial, multi-religious and democratic Malaysia.

The DAP will always be guided by its political principles to determine its stand and position on issues and situations in the country.

The stand of MCA and Gerakan Ministers and leaders are based solely on the likes and dislikes of UMNO leaders

When the Kelantan Mentri Besar, Nik Aziz Nik Mat, gave an assurance to the DAP delegation in Kota Bahru in January that the Kelantan State Government would not infringe the rights and interests of non-Muslim Malaysians in its Islamiisation measures, and the DAP also found that till that point of time, there had been no single instance of infringement of the rights and interests of the non-Muslim Malaysians by the Kelantan State Government, the DAP had no hesitation in publicly acknowledging the position.

We made it very clear however to Nik Aziz of the widespread apprehensions and fears of the non-Muslim Malaysians about the future Islamisation intentions of the PAS leaders in Kelantan which would infringe their rights and interests.

However, when two weeks ago, PAS leaders started declaring that they would impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, DAP leaders also did not hesitate to declare our opposition and commitment to be in the forefront to challenge the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

DAP is guided by its political principles and philosophy, and we are prepared to praise and work with any political party for the good of the people and country, including the Barisan Nasional parties.

The MCA and Gerakan however are different. They do not have political principles for their actions are guided solely by the likes and dislikes of UMNO.

Whatever is UMNO policy and decision, regardless of whether it is good or bad, is instantly MCA and Gerakan policy and decision.

This is why when UMNO leaders had earlier said that PAS cannot impose hukum hudud because this is unconstitutional, MCA and Gerakan leaders say the same thing.

But when the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, announced in Johore Bahru on 17th April that for UMNO's tactical reasons, the Federal Government has decided not to oppose or prevent PAS from imposing hukum hudud and would even to amend the Federal Constitution to allow the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, the MCA President, Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik and Gerakan President, Datuk Dr. Lim Keng Yaik, gave imme-

diate public support to Dr. Mahathir.

There is no better example than this that the stand of MCA and Gerakan Ministers and leaders on issues and situations are based solely on the likes and dislikes of UMNO leaders, rather than on the merits and demerits of the case concerned.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Penang on Thursday, 23rd April 1992:

Call on the five MCA and Gerakan Ministers to declare that they will reject the Kelantan State Government's application for Cabinet approval for the implementation of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians

The Kelantan Deputy Mentri Besar, Abdul Halim Abdul Rahman, said after the Kelantan State Exco meeting yesterday that the Kelantan Government will be writing to the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, to ask for an official Cabinet approval for the implementation of the hukum hudud in the state.

Abdul Halim, who is also Chairman of the Kelantan Constitution Amendment Committee, said the Kelantan State Government wanted "agreement in black and white regarding the implementation of shariah law in Kelantan and not merely utterances in the press" by the Federal Government.

I call on the five MCA and Gerakan Ministers to declare publicly that they will reject the Kelantan State Government's application for Cabinet approval for the implementation of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians with the Islamic law penalties of limbs- amputation, whipping and stoning.

In fact, what the five MCA and Gerakan Ministers should do now is to get the Cabinet to reaffirm publicly that it would not allow the secular basis and guarantee of the Federal Constitution to be challenged or undermined in any manner,

and that the secular guarantee of the Federal Constitution will remain intact and untouched.

MCA Ministers have assured the Chinese community that if there is one Minister who dares to oppose any new proposed policy or measure in Cabinet, the new policy or measure could not be adopted.

MCA and Gerakan Ministers should 'rein in their horses from the precipice' and not continue with their greatest political betrayal in history or they will be 'condemned for ten thousand years'

There are now five Ministers from MCA and Gerakan in the Cabinet. If all five of them reject the application of the Kelantan State Government to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, then there is no way for PAS to violate fundamental rights of non-Muslim Malaysians and the constitutional guarantee that Malaysia is a secular state which forbids the imposition of the shariah law on non-Muslim Malaysians.

The Federal Constitution is now the most formidable barrier to any attempt by any quarter to establish an Islamic State or to impose Islamic law on non-Muslim Malaysians.

Once this Federal Constitution guarantee and barrier is removed, then the floodgates would be open for the progressive imposition of Islamic law on non-Muslim Malaysians, not only in Kelantan but in all states in the country.

PAS had been calling for an Islamic State for 41 years but had been no nearer to its goal until the new Federal Government Policy announced by Mahathir in Johore Bahru last week to amend the Federal Constitution to allow the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

If PAS can impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malay-

sians, it is not because it had such powers, but because such powers had been given to PAS by the Barisan Nasional Federal Government, including MCA and Gerakan Ministers and MPs in Cabinet and Parliament.

This is why I have described this fundamental compromise of the MCA and Gerakan leadership from its erstwhile opposition to Islamic State and imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians as the greatest political betrayal of MCA and Gerakan in history.

I call on the five MCA and the Gerakan Ministers to 'rein in their horses from the precipice' and not continue with the greatest MCA and Gerakan political betrayal in history.

They will be 'condemned for ten thousand years' if they open the floodgates for the imposition of Islamic law on non-Muslim Malaysians by supporting the new Federal Government Policy to amend the Federal Constitution to remove the secular clause and guarantee.

They should return to the 'straight and narrow path' of political principles, consistency and integrity by standing shoulder-to-shoulder with the DAP to oppose any and every attempt to challenge the secular guarantee of the Federal Constitution and impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

Speech by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, at the dinner to celebrate 74th anniversary of Lim Si Teong How Tong and 8th Anniversary of the Youth Association at Super Tanker, Penang on Friday, 24th April 1992 at 8 p.m.

Vision 2020 of Malaysia being a developed nation would never be achieved if hukum hudud with penalties of limbs-amputation, whipping and stoning could be imposed on non-Muslim Malaysians

The Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed's Vision 2020 of Malaysia being a developed nation will never be achieved unless the government adopts enlightened and liberal policies in all fields.

Vision 2020 for instance will never be achieved if illiberal and unenlightened policies are allowed in the country, such as the imposition of hukum hudud with the penalties of limbs-amputation, whipping and stoning on non-Muslim Malaysians.

The whole controversy over the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians would end tomorrow if all the Chinese MPs publicly declare that they will vote against any amendment of the Federal Constitution

Since Thursday last week, the people had been 'in turmoil' over the nation-wide controversy over the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

PAS leaders of the Kelantan State Government said they want to impose hukum hudud with its Islamic penalties of limbs-amputation, whipping and stoning on non-Muslim Ma-

laysons while the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, announced a new Federal Government policy in Johore Bahru that the Federal Government would not oppose or prevent the introduction of hukum hudud and would even amend the Federal Constitution to allow the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians in Kelantan.

In fact, the whole controversy over the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians would end tomorrow if all the Chinese MPs in Government and Opposition publicly declare that they will deny the two-thirds parliamentary majority necessary for any amendment of the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

This is because PAS with seven MPs has no way, hope or power on its own to amend the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

Call on the five thousand Chinese clans, associations, societies and organisations to make clear their opposition to amendment of the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians

If all the Chinese MPs in government and opposition are prepared to vote against any amendment to the Federal Constitution to allow the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, there is no way for such an amendment to the Constitution to get two-thirds majority in Parliament.

The Federal Constitution guarantees a secular nation and is a formidable barrier to attempts to establish an Islamic State and the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

Nothing is more important than a person's constitutional rights and guarantees, which cannot be treated as political

playthings regardless of the irreparable damage to the fundamental rights and the future of coming generations of Malaysians.

I call on the 5,000 Chinese clans, associations, societies and organisations to be concerned about our constitutional rights and to ensure that the constitutional guarantee of Malaysia as a secular state which ensures that hukum hudud cannot be imposed on non-Muslim Malaysians is preserved and remain intact.

The 5,000 Chinese clans, associations, societies and organisations should make clear their opposition to any amendment to the Federal Constitution to remove the guarantee of a secular state and to allow the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians to all concerned.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Petaling Jaya on Friday, 24th April 1992:

Annuar Musa has proved that the MCA and Gerakan Ministers have not only misled the people but MCA and Gerakan officials in giving approval in Cabinet to the amendment of the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians

The Youth and Sports Minister, Senator Annuar Musa, said yesterday that the Kelantan State Government does not have to obtain permission from the Federal Government to implement hukum hudud in the State.

He said the announcement by the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed in Johore Bahru on April 17 that the Federal Government would not obstruct the State's move to implement hukum hudud and would even amend the Federal Constitution to permit the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians was very clear.

Annuar Musa said the Prime Minister's statement was not a political one and was first discussed in Cabinet before Dr. Mahathir made the statement.

Annuar Musa has made a shocking revelation that Mahathir's Johore Bahru announcement on April 17 was not an unilateral announcement, but was the result of a prior Cabinet decision and approval.

MCA and Gerakan Ministers owe the people a full expla-

nation why they had endorsed the new Federal Government policy not to oppose or prevent the introduction of hukum hudud and even to amend the Federal Constitution to allow the imposition of hukum hudud with the Islamic law penalties of limbs-amputation, whipping and stoning on non-Muslim Malaysians.

It is clear that the MCA and Gerakan Ministers have given their approval to this new Federal Government policy to amend the Federal Constitution to allow the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians without the full knowledge or consent of the MCA and Gerakan central committee, officials and the general membership.

This is why many MCA and Gerakan officials are still issuing statements claiming that the MCA and Gerakan Ministers had not agreed to the amendment of the Federal Constitution to allow hukum hudud to be imposed on non-Muslim Malaysians.

Annuar Musa's revelation is the best proof that the MCA and Gerakan Ministers have not only misled the people at large, but even the MCA and Gerakan officials and membership.

The Chinese community should demand that the MCA and Gerakan Ministers retract their support in Cabinet to amend the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians whenever they appear at any ceremony or function

MCA and Gerakan officials are now discovering what the people had learnt long ago, that the MCA and Gerakan Ministers cannot be trusted, for they are capable of the greatest MCA and Gerakan political betrayal in history in the Cabinet without fully consulting the MCA and Gerakan officials and membership.

MCA and Gerakan officials and members who disagree with their Ministers for supporting in Cabinet the new Federal Government policy to amend the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians should requisition emergency branch, divisional, state and national assembly meetings to demand that the MCA and Gerakan Ministers retract their support in Cabinet to amend the Federal Constitution to allow the imposition of non-Muslim Malaysians.

The Chinese community should ask the MCA and Gerakan Ministers to explain why they have supported the Federal Government policy to amend the Federal Constitution to allow the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, and demand that they retract this support in Cabinet, whenever they appear at any function or ceremony.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Petaling Jaya on Saturday, 25th April 1992:

Kit Siang replies to Keng Yaik: Explain why Gerakan has made the greatest political betrayal since its formation 24 years ago with the five Gerakan MPs pledging support for constitutional amendment to allow the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians

Gerakan President and Primary Industries Minister, Datuk Dr. Lim Keng Yaik, again went on a 'rampage' against me during his opening of the Kedah Gerakan State Delegates' Meeting in Alor Star yesterday.

There was nothing new or original Keng Yaik could say but to retail old distortions, falsehoods and downright lies.

Let me tell Keng Yaik that no amount of his distortions, falsehoods and lies could 'cover up' the most serious political development in Gerakan - that under his leadership, Gerakan had committed the greatest political betrayal in history.

Can Keng Yaik explain why the Gerakan has made the greatest political betrayal since its formation 24 years ago with the five Gerakan MPs in the Dewan Rakyat pledging to support the constitutional amendment to allow the imposition of hukum hudud with its Islamic law penalties of limbs-amputation, whipping and stoning on non-Muslim Malaysians?

Any dispassionate political analyst will know that Gerakan and MCA had made a fundamental compromise of their

political principles ten days ago when the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, announced the new Federal Government policy not to oppose or prevent PAS from introducing hukum hudud and even to amend the Federal Constitution to allow the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

Chinese community had never thought that there would be Malaysian Chinese Ministers and MPs who could support amendment to Constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians

The DAP's position had not changed, for we remain steadfast and uncompromising in upholding the secular basis of the nation and in our opposition to an Islamic State and the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

Gerakan and MCA however have undergone a fundamental compromise and betrayal of their political principles.

As a result, what was never thought possible in Malaysian politics and by the Chinese community has come about: Chinese Ministers and MPs declaring their support for the amendment of the Constitution to allow the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians!

Keng Yaik shares with MCA President, Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik the dubious distinction of being the first two Malaysian Chinese Ministers who publicly pledge their support to the new Federal Government policy to amend the Constitution to allow PAS to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians. I want to ask Keng Yaik and Liong Sik as to how low they can descend just to keep their position in the Cabinet?

Before Mahathir's announcement in Johore Bahru on April 16, Gerakan and MCA leaders swore that they will never allow hukum hudud to be imposed on non-Muslims.

But after Mahathir's announcement in Johore Bahru, Keng Yaik competed with Liong Sik to express full support to the amendment of the Constitution to allow the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

The people are entitled to ask the Gerakan and MCA leadership whether they have any political principles or convictions at all.

While wanting Mahathir to know that the Gerakan's five MPs will fully support the new Federal government policy and the amendment of the constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, Keng Yaik and the top Gerakan leaders want to give the people and even the Gerakan rank-and-file the opposite impression.

This is why in the past few days, some state and local Gerakan officials had been issuing statements claiming that the Gerakan leadership had not given support to the amendment of the Constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

The real reason why Keng Yaik went on another 'rampage' against me in Alor Star yesterday was because he wanted to distract the attention of the Gerakan rank-and-file from asking why the five Gerakan MPs have committed the greatest political betrayal and pledged their support to the amendment of the Constitution to allow the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

The constitutional rights and guarantees that Malaysia is a secular state is too serious a matter to become a political play-thing or gambling chip. This why I call on Gerakan leadership - as well as the MCA leadership - to 'rein in from the precipice', retract their support and make clear their opposition to any amendment of the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, or they will be 'condemned for ten thousand years'.

Keng Yaik is insulting Mahathir by suggesting that I have even greater influence than the Prime Minister over the Malay voters in Kelantan

In his Alor Star speech, Keng Yaik said that I must bear the entire responsibility for 'strengthening' PAS and its coming to power in Kelantan State in the last general elections.

Keng Yaik is in fact insulting Mahathir by suggesting that I have even greater influence than the Prime Minister over the Malay voters in Kelantan.

Keng Yaik knows better than anyone that the Chinese and non-Muslims in Kelantan constitute less than five per cent of the electorate, and that their votes cannot influence the outcome of anyone of the 39 state assembly constituencies in Kelantan. Even if all the Chinese and non-Muslim votes supported the Barisan Nasional, the Barisan Nasional would still have lost by 39 to 0.

However, if Keng Yaik seriously believes that I must bear the entire responsibility for 'strengthening' PAS and its coming to power in Kelantan State in the last general elections, Keng Yaik must be suggesting that I have enormous influence not only over the less than five percent non-Muslim votes, but the 95 per cent Malay electorate as well.

If Keng Yaik thinks that I have more influence than Mahathir over the Malay voters - even without the need for me to say a single word asking the voters to support PAS - I will not argue with him. But Keng Yaik should go and ask Mahathir why his influence over the Malay voters in Kelantan is so weak and non-existent that he cannot even compare with mine!

I will also like to ask Keng Yaik whether I must also be responsible for PAS being in power in Kelantan for 18 years from 1959 to 1977. Again, I will not argue with Keng Yaik

if the Gerakan President wants me to bear full responsibility for PAS being in power in Kelantan for these 18 years.

Keng Yaik describes the PAS leaders as 'devils' and 'monsters'. Can Keng Yaik explain why the Gerakan is prepared to embrace what he described as 'devils' and 'monsters' as coalition partners for four years in the 1970s when PAS was a member of the Barisan Nasional?

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Penang on Thursday, 30th April 1992:

MCA, Gerakan, MIC and SUPP Ministers must ask the Cabinet next week to declare there is no new Federal Government Policy to allow the amendment of the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians as announced by Mahathir in Johore Bahru

Datuk Lee Kim Sai announced after the Cabinet meeting yesterday that all Barisan Nasional MPs will be allowed to vote according to their conscience if there is a proposal to amend the Constitution to allow hudud laws to be implemented.

This is still ambiguous and ambivalent. The crux of the matter is whether there is now a new Federal Government policy to amend the Federal Constitution to allow the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, as announced by the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, in Johore Bahru on April 16.

One UMNO Minister had revealed that this subject was discussed in Cabinet before Dr. Mahathir made his Johore Bahru speech. The implication is very clear: the MCA and Gerakan Ministers had given their support to the new Federal Government Policy and this was why Dr. Mahathir made the announcement in Johore Bahru.

What the MCA, Gerakan, MIC and SUPP Ministers must

do next Wednesday is to get the Cabinet to make a clear-cut, unequivocal statement that there is no new Federal Government policy to allow the amendment of the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians as announced by Dr. Mahathir in Johore Bahru.

If the MCA, Gerakan, MIC and SUPP Ministers cannot get the Cabinet to come out with such a clear-cut statement, then the public are entitled to believe that they had previously given their commitment to the Prime Minister to support the new Federal Government policy as announced by Dr. Mahathir in Johore Bahru - which explained the immediate statement of full support for the new Federal Government policy by the MCA President, Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik and Gerakan President, Datuk Dr. Lim Keng Yaik.

Since the full and immediate support given by the MCA President and Gerakan President to Dr. Mahathir's Johore Bahru announcement of the new Federal Government policy, the DAP had launched a strong and continuous attack on the MCA and Gerakan for their greatest political betrayal in history for supporting the amendment of the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

In Parliament on Tuesday, during the debate on the Royal Address, I also specifically warned the MCA, Gerakan, MIC and SUPP Ministers and MPs of their 'greatest political betrayal' and demanded that they take a clear stand.

In fact, I was the third speaker during the debate, the first speaker was an UMNO MP as proposer of the Motion of Thanks for the Royal Address, and the second speaker a MCA MP as seconder of the motion.

But the MCA MP who spoke before me dare not make a clear cut stand opposing the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians and declare that all MCA Ministers and MPs would oppose and vote against any such amendment

to the Federal Constitution.

DAP is glad that it has been able to get some MCA and Gerakan leaders to realise the great crime of committing the 'greatest political betrayal in history'.

However, how can the people put their trust in MCA and Gerakan Ministers and MPs anymore if MCA and Gerakan Ministers can secretly give support and commitment to the Prime Minister before his Johore Bahru announcement on April 16 to support such a constitutional amendment?

This is why it is essential that the MCA and Gerakan Ministers in particular must get the Cabinet latest by next Wednesday to declare that there is no such new Federal Government Policy to amend the Federal Constitution to allow the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, and that even if PAS proposes such a measure in Parliament, it would be defeated because it is Barisan Nasional which commands the two-thirds majority in Parliament and not PAS, which has only seven MPs.

Speech by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, at the opening of the DAPSY Youth Day Seminar held at Selangor Chinese Assembly Hall on Sunday, May 3, 1992 at 9 a.m.

MCA and Gerakan have allowed an unprecedented erosion of the rights of non-Muslim Malaysians in being party to a position where the number of MPs who support the amendment of the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians have increased from seven MPs to 86 MPs

Youths in Malaysia, who represent the majority of Malaysians, must take a great interest and play an active part in the political, economic, educational, cultural, religious and nation-building developments of the country as this is both their right and responsibility as citizens of this country.

Youths cannot opt out of the nation-building process or stand by the sidelines as spectators, but must get into the heart of national development to put their stamp and influence in the shaping of the national destiny.

For instance, the youths should be even more concerned about the Vision 2020 of Malaysia becoming a fully developed nation, for the present generation of political leaders would mostly have passed away or retired in thirty years' time, while it is the youths of today who will live to see whether in the next thirty years, we are heading towards such a Vision of a Bangsa Malaysia, which is democratic, tolerant, liberal, united and prosperous, or in the opposite direction - even going back to the 1950s and 1940s!

Youths must therefore be encouraged to assume their

nation-building responsibilities, not in the next decade or more, but NOW - and this is why the DAPSY Youth Day seminar today is most welcome as a step in this direction.

DAP calls for the abolition of the Universities and University Colleges Act which has stunted a whole generation of young Malaysians from developing their national responsibilities

It is for this reason that the DAP opposes the Universities and University Colleges Act which has stunted a whole generation of young Malaysians from developing their national responsibilities and crushed their social conscience.

The UUCA was designed to suppress the idealism of the university students and discourage their espousal of the causes of freedom, human rights, justice and truth, and to turn them into book-worms interested only in getting a paper certificate or diploma from the university or college.

Outside the universities, the arsenal of repressive laws, like the Internal Security Act, the Police Act, the Official Secrets Act and the Printing Presses and Publications Act are also designed to instil fear among the youths to stay clear of national issues.

This is the negative national youth culture in Malaysia that we must counter and alter, and it is for this reason that the DAP calls for the abolition of the Universities and University Colleges Act and the other repressive laws so that Malaysian youths dare to have their idealism and their dream of a free, equal and just world once again.

It is in fact such negative youth culture in Malaysia which has given the boost to undesirable social activities, including the serious problem of drug abuses among the youths.

Youths in Malaysia must be concerned about all the great

political, economic, educational, social, cultural, religious and nation-building issues in the country if they are going to play a full part as future leaders of tomorrow.

They must for instance be prepared to be in the forefront in their concerns about democracy and human rights in Malaysia.

The great principles of the Independence of the Judiciary and the Rule of Law should not be the sole concern of lawyers and politicians, but of all youths and all citizens, because they are so intimately intertwined with political freedoms and socio-economic justice in any society.

A few days ago, the second largest US city, Los Angeles, was plunged into riots, arson and lawlessness because of a California court acquittal of four white policemen in the beating of a black motorist, Rodney King on March 3, 1991. The public beating had been videotaped by a resident and had been broadcast nationwide, which raised the issue of police brutality to a new level of consciousness in America.

This is a good example of the socio-economic consequences that could result from a widespread perception of the lack of independence of the judiciary and the law-enforcement agency - and should be a lesson to all countries and societies in the world, including Malaysia.

Malaysian youths must be in the forefront in their concerns for their constitutional rights, including the current controversy over the amendment of the Federal Constitution to remove the constitutional guarantee of Malaysia as a secular state so as to allow the imposition of hukum hudud among non-Muslim Malaysians.

Malaysians, particularly the youths, must realised that a most unhealthy political development had taken place in the last two weeks, when the country travelled a great, and a most

undesirable, distance never travelled before in the past 35 years.

Until two weeks ago, the question of amending the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians was a total 'non-starter' - and would be completely dismissed as with seven MPs, PAS has no chance whatsoever to amend the Federal Constitution which requires at least 120 MPs.

However, a fundamental change took place when the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed announced a new Federal Government policy on April 16 not to oppose or prevent the implementation of hukum hudud by PAS and even to amend the Federal Constitution to allow the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

It is a matter of historical record that Dr. Mahathir's Johore Bahru announcement was given full-hearted public support by both the MCA President, Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik and the Gerakan President, Datuk Dr. Lim Keng Yaik.

The great fundamental change in Malaysian politics that took place in the past two weeks was this: From a position where there were only seven PAS MPs who might support the amendment of the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, there are now 86 MPs (i.e. 79 UMNO MPs plus the seven PAS MPs) who support the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

MCA and Gerakan have allowed an unprecedented erosion of the rights of non-Muslim Malaysians in being party to a position where the number of MPs who support the amendment of the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians have increased from seven MPs to 86 MPs - and may be more from the other Barisan Nasional MPs.

The question is why the MCA and Gerakan, through their party Presidents, have given full support and agreement to such a fundamental change in the political scenario in the country which is highly detrimental to the constitutional rights and guarantees of non-Muslim Malaysians to a secular state where no Islamic law would be imposed on non-Muslims.

Call on Malaysian Government to give an assurance that the over 3,000 Malaysians who are still working in Taiwan illegally will not face any passport problems at home and to send a government team to help them to return

Youths should also be concerned about the plight of Malaysian youths inside and outside the country, particularly those who have 'jumped plane' in other countries, like Taiwan, South Korea and Japan.

There are over 3,300 Malaysians, mostly youths, who are still in Taiwan as illegal workers, although the Taiwan authorities have given them up to May 14 to surrender or face tough action.

I call on the Malaysian Government to give an assurance that these over 3,300 Malaysians who are still in Taiwan illegally will not face any problems when they return to Malaysia, like the impounding of their passports.

The Government should send a government team to help the over 3,300 Malaysians still in Taiwan illegally to return home, and if necessary to ask the Taiwan authorities for another period of extension.

The Government should not adopt an indifferent attitude towards the welfare of Malaysians even if they are in overseas countries working illegally, for they are contributing to the nation's economic development by working overseas and sending their remittances back to the country.

Speech by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, at a DAP 'Back To The People' Dinner held at Marco Polo Restaurant, Kuala Lumpur on Monday, 4th May 1992 at 8 p.m.

MCA and Gerakan Ministers and MPs committed a grave political betrayal in consenting to the Barisan Nasional Federal Government abandoning its 35-year-stand policy opposing the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians

When the MCA President, Datuk Seri Dr. Ling Liong Sik, and the Gerakan President, Datuk Dr. Lim Keng Yaik, expressed their full support for the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed's Johore Bahru announcement on April 16 of a new Federal Government policy not to oppose or prevent PAS from introducing hukum hudud and even to amend the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, I described their action as the "greatest MCA and Gerakan political betrayal in history".

It was not only the DAP, but the entire Chinese and non-Muslim society which was shocked by the public and full-hearted support given by Liong Sik and Keng Yaik to Dr. Mahathir's new Federal Government policy.

The Minister for Youth and Sports, Senator Annuar Musa, later revealed that the Cabinet had earlier discussed the new Federal Government policy before it was announced by Dr. Mahathir in Johore Bahru.

The DAP condemned the MCA and Gerakan Ministers and MPs for their "greatest political betrayal in history" and pointed out that there can be no two-thirds majority to amend

the Federal Constitution if the MCA and Gerakan Ministers and MPs do not support any such measure to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

The DAP warned the MCA and Gerakan leadership not to 'play with fire' with the constitutional guarantee and rights of the non-Muslim Malaysians to a secular state, which constitute a formidable barrier to the establishment of an Islamic State and the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

It took the DAP 12 days of intense and sustained attack on the MCA and Gerakan leadership for their "greatest political betrayal in history", culminating in my attack on the MCA and Gerakan in Parliament on April 28, that forced the MCA and Gerakan Ministers to ask the Cabinet for a decision on April 29 that non-Muslim MPs should be allowed to vote according to their conscience on any constitutional amendment to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

However, although the MCA and Gerakan Ministers and MPs have now withdrawn their "greatest political betrayal in history" in giving support to the new Federal Government policy to amend the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, they are nonetheless still guilty of a "grave political betrayal".

Did Liong Sik and Keng Yaik get a mandate from their respective national delegates' conference to make such a fundamental compromise of MCA and Gerakan policy as to allow the Federal Government to abandon its 35-year policy opposing the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians?

This is because for 35 years since Merdeka in 1957, the Barisan Nasional Federal Government policy had been one of unequivocal opposition to the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

However, in the past two weeks, the MCA and Gerakan Ministers have made the "grave political betrayal" by allowing the Barisan Nasional Federal Government to abandon its 35-year policy of opposition to the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

I call on the MCA President, Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik, and the Gerakan President, Datuk Dr. Lim Keng Yaik, to explain and justify why the MCA and Gerakan had agreed to this "grave political betrayal" of allowing the Barisan Nasional Federal Government to abandon its 35-year policy opposing the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

Did the MCA and Gerakan Presidents get a mandate from their respective national delegates' conferences before making such a fundamental compromise of the political principles of the MCA and Gerakan, as to agree to the abandonment of the Barisan Nasional Federal Government's 35-year policy of unequivocal opposition to the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians?

Until two weeks ago, the Barisan Nasional Federal Government's stand for the last 35 years was best summed up by the late Tunku Abdul Rahman, when as Prime Minister of Malaysia, he declared in 1958:

"I would like to make it clear that this country is not an Islamic State as it is generally understood, we merely provide that Islam shall be the official religion of the State."

But the MCA and Gerakan Ministers and MPs have committed a grave political betrayal by not only abandoning their stand as enunciated by Tunku Abdul Rahman in 1958 but even agreeing to the abandonment of the 35-year Federal Government Policy of being totally opposed to the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

The constitutional rights and guarantees of non-Muslim Malaysians in a multi-racial society are fundamental rights which cannot and must not be compromised in any manner, and it is most irresponsible and unprincipled on the part of the MCA and Gerakan leaders to allow such fundamental rights to be compromised with the abandonment of the 35-year Federal Government policy.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Petaling Jaya on Tuesday, May 5, 1992:

Nik Aziz's refusal to give assurance to the Malaysian Inter-Religious Consultative Council (MRCC) that hukum hudud would not be imposed on non-Muslim Malaysians show that PAS does not respect the constitutional rights and religious sensitivities of non-Muslim Malaysians

The refusal by the Kelantan Mentri Besar, Nik Aziz Nik Mat, to give an assurance to the Malaysian Inter-Religious Consultative Council (MRCC) delegation who met him yesterday that hukum hudud would not be imposed on non-Muslim Malaysians show that PAS does not respect the constitutional rights and religious sensitivities of non-Muslim Malaysians.

PAS leaders should understand that the issue as far as the non-Muslim Malaysians are concerned is not whether hukum hudud is fair and just, and whether there are safeguards to ensure that there is no misuse or abuse, but the fundamental question of the Constitutional right and guarantee of the non-Muslim Malaysians not to have hukum hudud imposed on them.

In moving an amendment of the Constitution in Parliament to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, PAS is telling all the non-Muslim Malaysians in the country that it has no concern or respect whatsoever for their constitutional rights and religious sensitivities.

If PAS insists on wanting to move a constitutional amendment in Parliament to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, despite the objections from the Malaysian Inter-Religious Consultative Council (MRCC) and all non-Muslim political parties and groups in the country, it will be a sad day for inter-racial and inter-religious relations in the country.

The time has come for PAS to show that it respects the constitutional rights and religious sensitivities of the non-Muslim Malaysians in the country.

Speech by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, at the DAP 'Back To The People' Dinner held in Fulfil Restaurant, Seremban on Tuesday, May 5, 1992 at 8 p.m.

MCA and Gerakan have compromised and altered their founding political principles while the DAP has remained steadfast in our policy stand that Malaysia is a secular state and opposition to an Islamic State

When he returned from his trip to Mauritius and South Africa, MCA President, Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik, accused me of 'starting the fire' in Kelantan and 'now stayed in faraway Kuala Lumpur, while the fire was burning in Kelantan'.

Liong Sik was most irresponsible in trying to invoke a political imagery to instil fear and panic among the people solely for the selfish ends of the MCA, regardless of the damage this could do to inter-racial and inter-religious relations.

What is this 'fire in Kelantan' that Liong Sik is talking about?

If Liong Sik is referring to the PAS proposal to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, then Liong Sik should concede that the MCA and the Gerakan are responsible for the 'fire in Kelantan' because MCA and Gerakan had compromised and altered their founding political principles about Malaysia as a secular state.

PAS had been advocating for a theocratic state for 41 years since its formation in 1951.

However, PAS had no wherewithal whatsoever to implement its Islamic State objective, for it has no hope on its own to garner the two-thirds majority needed in Parliament to amend the Federal Constitution to remove the Constitutional guarantee and provision for a secular state.

PAS's espousal of a theocratic state did not prevent MCA and Gerakan from embracing PAS in the Barisan Nasional from 1973 to 1977 when PAS was a member of the ruling coalition.

This is also not the first time that PAS had been in power in Kelantan. In fact, it ruled Kelantan for 18 years from 1959 to 1977.

Why was there no 'fire in Kelantan' when PAS was in power for 18 years in Kelantan and when it was part of the Barisan Nasional Federal Government for four years and why is there a 'fire in Kelantan' now according to Liong Sik?

PAS has not changed its stand and it is still singly, with seven PAS MPs, totally beyond its powers to amend the Federal Constitution to establish an Islamic State and impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

So what has changed? The DAP has also not changed its stand and had remained steadfast to our founding principle that Malaysia must remain a secular state and in our opposition to the establishment of an Islamic State in Malaysia.

DAP had in fact declared our stand in Parliament during the current debate on the Royal Address that the DAP would not compromise in our opposition to the establishment of an Islamic State.

The 'fire in Kelantan' had started because the MCA and Gerakan had compromised and changed their founding political principles on the question of the secular basis of the nation.

For 35 years since Merdeka, the stand of all Barisan Nasional, and previous Alliance, component parties was that the Federal Government was committed to the secular basis of Malaysia and oppose the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

Present MCA leadership have violated the 1957 MCA and Alliance memorandum on the Federal Constitution with regard to Malaysia as a secular state

The MCA and Gerakan have however abandoned this 35-year fundamental policy of the Federal Government, and the new Federal Government policy as announced by the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad in Johore Bahru on April 16, is that it does not oppose the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

This goes against the founding principles of the MCA as well as Gerakan. In fact, the MCA and Gerakan have violated everything the MCA and Alliance had submitted in their memorandum on the Constitution of Malaya submitted to the Reid Constitutional Commission in 1957.

The 1957 White Paper on the Constitutional proposals said: "There has been included in the proposed Federal Constitution a declaration that Islam is the religion of the Federation. This will in no way affect the present position of the Federation as a secular state."

The Reid Constitutional Commission Report, touching on the declaration of Islam as the religion of the Federation, said:

"There was universal agreement that if any such provision were inserted it must be made clear that it would not in any way affect the civil rights of the non-Muslims. In the memorandum submitted by the Alliance it was stated - 'the religion of Malaya shall be Islam. The observance of this principle shall not impose any disability on non-Muslim natives pro-

fessing and practising their religions and shall not imply that the State is not a secular State'."

MCA and Gerakan leadership must insist that the Federal Government must not abandon its 35-year policy to uphold the secular basis of the Federal Constitution

It is precisely because the MCA and Gerakan have compromised and changed their founding principles and abandoned the 35-year Federal Government policy opposing an Islamic State and the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians that there could be "a fire in Kelantan."

To use Liong Sik's imagery, PAS has no power to start "a fire in Kelantan" without the support of MCA and Gerakan in committing the grave political betrayal of abandoning the 35-year Federal Government Policy to uphold the secular basis of the Federal Constitution.

UMNO has also changed its political stand not to uphold the secular basis of the Federal Constitution, but if MCA and Gerakan do not compromise and change their founding political principles, and insist that the Federal Government maintain its 35-year Federal Government policy upholding the secular basis, there would be no 'fire in Kelantan' or anywhere else in the country.

The PAS proposal to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians will then remain a 'non-starter' because the secular basis of the Malaysian Constitution would prohibit such hudud laws being applied to non-Muslim Malaysians.

The MCA and Gerakan are therefore the 'real fire-starters' of the Kelantan situation.

I will like to repeat my advice and warning to the MCA and Gerakan leaders not to 'play with fire' with the constitutional right and guarantee of non-Muslim Malaysians that this

nation is founded on a secular, non-theocratic basis.

I call on the MCA and Gerakan Ministers and leaders to insist that the Federal Government must not abandon its 35-year policy to uphold the secular basis of the Federal Constitution.

The first three Prime Ministers, Tunku Abdul Rahman, Tun Razak and Tun Hussein Onn, as well as the previous MCA and Gerakan Presidents and Ministers had maintained the Federal Government policy to uphold the secular basis of the Federal Constitution.

How can the present Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, and the MCA and Gerakan Presidents and Ministers abandon this 35-year Federal Government policy?

Press Statement

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

Penang Gerakan launched a poster campaign against DAP in order to divert public attention from the fact that Lim Keng Yaik and Kang Chin Seng had publicly supported the imposition of hukum hudud on the Chinese and non-Muslims in Kelantan

Penang Gerakan has launched a poster campaign against the DAP and myself to further its propaganda campaign of lies suggesting that firstly, the DAP is responsible in putting PAS into power in Kelantan, and secondly, that the DAP is responsible for the PAS proposal to introduce hukum hudud.

Penang Gerakan has to launch this poster campaign to divert and distract public attention from the fact that the Gerakan President, Datuk Dr. Lim Keng Yaik, and the Penang Gerakan Exco Member, Dr. Kang Chin Seng, had publicly supported the imposition of hukum hudud on the Chinese and non-Muslim Malaysians in Kelantan.

After the announcement by the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, in Johore Bahru on April 16 of the new Federal Government Policy not to oppose or prevent PAS from introducing hukum hudud and even to amend the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, Keng Yaik lost out to the MCA President, Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik, in the MCA-Gerakan competition to be the first to express public support for Dr. Mahathir's new policy.

Keng Yaik had to do something better than Liong Sik, and this was why at the Federation of Lims Clans Association meeting in Butterworth on April 19, Keng Yaik publicly expressed support for Dr. Mahathir's Johore Bahru announcement, as well as stating that the imposition of hukum hudud on the Chinese and non-Muslims in Kelantan will teach them a lesson and make them run back to support the Barisan Nasional.

At the Butterworth Lims' Clan Association dinner function that night, I said during my speech that I believed that no Chinese MP in government or in opposition would support any amendment to the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians. I pointed out that if all the Chinese MPs in government oppose the amendment to the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, there is no way there could be a two-thirds majority in Parliament to pass the Constitutional amendment.

Keng Yaik, who spoke after me, would have agreed with me if the Gerakan had no intention of supporting the amendment of the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslims in Kelantan. Instead, Keng Yaik launched a very personal attack on me.

Keng Yaik and Kang Chin Seng had 'the guilt of a thief' in their speeches attacking me at the Butterworth Lims Clans Association on April 19

The same applied to the Penang Gerakan State Exco member, Dr. Kang Chin Seng, who also spoke after me on behalf of the Penang Chief Minister.

Keng Yaik and Chin Seng's instantaneous response to my speech by attacking me shows that they had 'the guilt of a thief'.

Keng Yaik would not react as if he was being attacked by

me if Gerakan had never supported Dr. Mahathir's Johore Bahru announcement that the Federal Government would amend the Federal Constitution to allow PAS to impose hukum hudud on the Chinese and non-Muslim Malaysians in Kelantan.

21 But Keng Yaik's reaction in his speech after mine was that of a person who felt that he was being attacked - and this could only mean that as of the night of 19th April, Keng Yaik and the Gerakan national leaders have decided to support the amendment of the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on the Chinese and non-Muslims in Kelantan.

22 Dr. Kang Chin Seng spoke in the same vein as Keng Yaik. Kang Chin Seng said that it was up to the Chinese in Kelantan to decide whether they want to have hukum hudud imposed on them - making clear that Gerakan would support the amendment of the Federal Constitution to make the Chinese in Kelantan decide whether to support Barisan Nasional or not in the next general elections.

Both the speeches of Keng Yaik and Chin Seng on April 19 demonstrated that they were prepared to sacrifice the constitutional rights and guarantees of future generations just for short-term political advantage of Gerakan.

All the lies of the Gerakan poster campaign cannot hide the fact that Keng Yaik and Chin Seng have publicly supported the amendment of the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on the Chinese in Kelantan in their speeches of April 19

It was the result of the DAP condemnation of the Gerakan as well as MCA's similar stand as "the greatest MCA and Gerakan political betrayal in history" that forced the Gerakan and MCA leadership to slightly alter their position.

This is why the Penang Gerakan has launched its poster

campaign. I believe the Penang Gerakan leaders are intelligent enough to know that no person in his right senses would believe the Gerakan poster campaign that the DAP put PAS into power in Kelantan and that the DAP wants hukum hudud to be imposed on non-Muslim Malaysians.

What the Penang Gerakan poster campaign seeks to do is to create enough distraction so that the people will forget that Gerakan top leaders like Keng Yaik and Chin Seng had publicly declared their support for the amendment of the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on the Chinese and non-Muslim Malaysians in Kelantan.

I would only advise both the national and state Gerakan leaders that all the Gerakan lies in the poster campaign cannot hide the fact that the Gerakan leadership had publicly supported the amendment of the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on the Chinese and non-Muslims in Kelantan, as illustrated in the speeches of Dr. Lim Keng Yaik and Dr. Kang Chin Seng in Butterworth on April 19, 1992.

Speech by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, at the opening of the new Seputeh DAP Parliamentary constituency service centre in Kuala Lumpur on Sunday, 10th May 1992 at 7.30 pm

Four reasons for DAP call to PAS to reconsider its insistence to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians

In Parliament and outside, the DAP has repeatedly urged PAS to respect the constitutional rights and religious sensitivities of the non-Muslim Malaysians and to declare that its proposal for hukum hudud does not apply to non-Muslim Malaysians.

Instead of heeding the DAP's advice, the Kelantan Mentri Besar, Nik Aziz Nik Mat, has repeatedly said that PAS wants hukum hudud to be implemented on non-Muslim Malaysians.

At the meeting with the Malaysian Consultative Council of Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism and Sikhism last Monday, the Kelantan Mentri Besar refused to give an assurance that PAS would respect the constitutional rights and religious sensitivities of the non-Muslim Malaysians by ensuring that there would be no attempt to impose syariah law on non-Muslims.

What is most regrettable is that after the meeting, Nik Aziz made remarks about another religion which was quite disparaging.

DAP would call on the PAS leadership to give serious thought to the harm they are doing not only to racial and religious harmony in the country, but also to themselves, by insisting that hukum hudud should be imposed on non-Muslim

Malaysians.

I will again urge the Kelantan Mentri Besar to reconsider his stand on this issue for four reasons:

Firstly, any insistence by any political party or religion to impose its religious laws on other religions and their followers will be a major setback to inter-racial and inter-religious harmony and goodwill in a multi-racial, multi-religious society like Malaysia;

Secondly, such insistence by PAS means that it does not respect the constitutional rights and religious sensitivities of non-Muslim Malaysians and an attempt to deprive non-Muslim Malaysians of their constitutional rights and guarantees which had been part of the Federal Constitution for 35 years;

Thirdly, no proposal to amend the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians could get the support of two-thirds majority in Parliament of at least 120 out of 180 MPs, as there are about 80 non-Muslims MPs in Malaysia.

PAS will alienate all Chinese and non-Muslim voters throughout the country for the next ten years if it insists on wanting to propose hukum hudud for non-Muslim Malaysians

Fourthly, PAS will alienate all Chinese and non-Muslim Malaysian voters throughout the country for the next ten years if it insists on wanting to propose hukum hudud for non-Muslim Malaysians, although it has no power to implement it.

If PAS is only interested in continuing to remain in power in Kelantan, from its tactical point of view, it can disregard the constitutional rights and religious sensitivities of the non-Muslim Malaysians, for non-Muslims constitute less than five per cent of the electorate in Kelantan.

But PAS must be prepared for nation-wide political repercussions in alienating all Chinese and non-Muslim voters throughout the country for the next ten years if they continue to show utter disregard and disrespect for the constitutional rights and religious sensitivities of non-Muslim Malaysians.

I hope the PAS leaders will realise that every time a PAS leader insists that hukum hudud will be imposed on non-Muslim Malaysians, he is creating harm and damage vis-a-vis PAS' position with the Chinese and non-Muslims in Malaysia which will take more than a year to undo. In the past two weeks, there had almost been daily reiteration by PAS leaders on this issue!

While I call on PAS to reconsider its insistence on the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, I will also call on the MCA Ministers and leaders not to abandon the founding principles of MCA and its founding leaders like Tan Cheng Lock and Tan Siew Sin on the secular basis of the Malaysian Constitution and nation.

For 35 years, the Federal Government policy was very clear that it will oppose the Islamic State, uphold the secular provision and guarantee in the Federal Constitution and will not allow the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

In the last 35 years since Merdeka, if there was any proposal to amend the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, the entire Federal Government will vote as one to defeat such a proposal.

But the Barisan Nasional Federal Government made a fundamental change of this policy when Dr. Mahathir announced a new Federal Government Policy in Johore Bahru on April 16, 1992.

Under this new policy, the Barisan Nasional Federal

Government has abandoned its 35-year policy and will not defend the secular basis of the Federal Constitution and nation.

If there is a proposal to amend the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, the Barisan Nasional Federal Government will not solidly vote against it, but will give every MP a free vote - whether to oppose or to support.

This is against the MCA's founding principles and that of the founding leaders of the MCA. I have no doubt that Tan Cheng Lock and Tan Siew Sin would never have agreed to the abandonment of the 35-year policy stand of the Federal Government to uphold the secular basis of the Malaysian nation and Constitution.

I therefore urge the MCA Ministers to go back to the Cabinet on Wednesday and reinstate the 35-year policy of the Federal Government to uphold the secular basis and guarantee of the Federal Constitution by maintaining the Federal Government's opposition to any proposal to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

Statement by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, when launching the DAP "Back To The People" Campaign in Malacca on Monday, 11th May 1992 at 10 a.m.

Call on Malaysian organisations and religious bodies to make clear their opposition to (i) the proposal by PAS to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians and (ii) the new Barisan Nasional policy to abandon the 35-year Federal Government policy to uphold the secular basis of the Federal Constitution and Malaysian nation

The announcement early last month by the Kelantan Menteri Besar, Nik Aziz Nik Mat, that PAS proposes to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslims in Kelantan had raised concern among non-Muslim Malaysians in the country.

However, Nik Aziz would not be able to raise the whole hukum hudud issue to the fever-pitch of the past three weeks because everyone knows that PAS has no power to amend the Federal Constitution to fulfil its 41-year objective of an Islamic State, as its seven MPs in Parliament is a far cry from the 120 MPs needed to get two-thirds majority for any Constitutional amendment.

It was only after the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, announced a new Barisan Nasional Federal Government Policy in Johore Bahru on April 16 that the whole hukum hudud issue and its imposition on non-Muslim Malaysians has kept on escalating, seriously undermining inter-racial and inter-religious relations in the country.

The new Federal Government Policy that Dr. Mahathir announced in Johore Bahru was that the Barisan Nasional Federal Government would not oppose or prevent PAS from introducing hukum hudud and would even amend the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

Mahathir's Johore Bahru announcement of new Federal Government Policy is best proof that the MCA and Gerakan Ministers are all 'yes-men' in Cabinet

At the Barisan Nasional Backbenchers' Club 'Malam Mesra Perdana' on last Friday, Dr. Mahathir denied that the Cabinet Ministers were all 'yes-men'. He claimed that his ideas were not always accepted by Barisan Nasional component party members although many people, especially the Opposition, believed that no one dared to oppose him.

Dr. Mahathir said I, for instance, would not believe that there were occasions when his ideas were rejected.

I am not convinced by Dr. Mahathir's self-defence. In fact, I would say that his Johore Bahru announcement of a new Federal Government Policy is the most recent proof that the MCA and Gerakan Ministers are all 'yes-men' in Cabinet.

It is open secret that Dr. Mahathir made the Johore Bahru announcement of a new Federal Government policy not to oppose or prevent PAS from introducing hukum hudud and even to amend the Federal Constitution to allow the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians without consulting the MCA, Gerakan and MIC leaders. Dr. Mahathir just took their support for granted.

If Dr. Mahathir could announce such a new Federal Government policy, which tantamounts to the abandonment of the 35-year Federal Government policy to uphold the secular basis of the Federal Constitution and the Malaysian

nation, without even consulting MCA, Gerakan and MIC leaders, how could the Prime Minister deny that his Cabinet is made up of 'yes men'?

In the past 35 years, if there is a proposal in Parliament to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, the entire Federal Government would have been bound by its policy to oppose it with all the MPs it could command. Today, after the Johore Bahru announcement of the new Federal Government policy, the Federal Government would no more oppose such a proposal in Parliament as one united position - as Barisan Nasional MPs could now support or oppose it according to their individual wishes.

It is the Johore Bahru announcement of the new Federal Government policy which has given the hukum hudud issue and its imposition on non-Muslim Malaysians an entirely new magnitude and seriousness.

The DAP had always been opposed to the PAS objective to establish an Islamic State and to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

The DAP also opposes the Barisan Nasional abandoning the 35-year Federal Government policy to uphold the secular basis of the Federal Constitution and Malaysian nation.

DAP welcomes the stand by the Malaysian Federation of Chinese Assembly Halls opposing the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians

The DAP welcomes the stand yesterday by the Malaysian Federation of Chinese Assembly Halls opposing the proposal of PAS to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, although it took them about one month to make up its mind.

However, I would call on the Malaysian Federation of Chinese Assembly Halls to oppose not only PAS' intention to

impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, but also to oppose the Barisan Nasional parties abandoning the 35-year Federal Government policy to uphold the secular basis of the Federal Constitution and the nation.

I would in fact go further and call on all societies and religious organisations in the country to make clear their opposition to both, firstly, opposing PAS's intention to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, and secondly, opposing the Barisan Nasional component parties for abandoning the Federal Government's 35-year policy to uphold the secular basis of the Federal Constitution and Malaysian nation-building.

Call on the MCA leaders to be serious and stop playing politics with important issues of the people and halt its campaign of lies against the DAP

It is time that the MCA Ministers and leaders show greater political responsibility to the Chinese community and the country.

They should stop playing politics with important issues of the people and halt its campaign of lies against the DAP.

For instance, the MCA National Vice President and Deputy Minister for International Trade and Industry, Chua Jui Meng, said at a MCA dinner in Muar that the DAP had agreed with PAS to the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians before the last general elections, even quoting a statement by the Semangat 46 Secretary-General, Suhaimi Kamaruddin in a Chinese press in December last year as proof.

This is a downright lie, and the DAP had pointed out that Suhaimi never made such a statement. However, MCA leaders, whether Ministers or Deputy Ministers, have no respect for truth, and have no sense of shame in keep repeating a lie.

This is why MCA Ministers and Deputy Ministers dare not face the DAP in an open debate and argument, for all their lies would be immediately exposed.

DAP's 'Back To The People' Campaign will mobilise the people to oppose PAS's proposal to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians and the Barisan Nasional's abandonment of the 35-year Federal Government policy to uphold the secular basis of the Constitution and nation

The DAP's 'Back To The People Campaign', which is being launched in the Malacca state today, will mobilise the people to oppose the PAS' intention to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians as well as the Barisan Nasional's abandonment of the 35-year Federal Government Policy to uphold the secular basis of the Federal Constitution and Malaysian nation.

Through DAP publications, ceramahs and visits to the people, we will explain to the people what are the real and important issues with regard to our struggle to defend our fundamental citizenship rights, as distinct from the false and trivial issues which the MCA and Gerakan are throwing up to mislead the people.

The main objective of the MCA and Gerakan propaganda campaign is to destroy public confidence in the DAP by making Malaysians believe that DAP leaders have sold out their rights by reaching a secret agreement with PAS to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians with the penalties of limbs-chopping, whipping and stoning.

The DAP has a record of over a quarter of a century for the people to judge whether the MCA and Gerakan propaganda and lies are credible - that DAP leaders have no political principles and convictions.

The DAP however would not want to play politics on such a basic and fundamental issue as the right of Malaysians to a secular state, and I hope that the MCA and Gerakan leaders would put the interests of the Chinese community, the people and Malaysian nation above their petty party and personal interests.

Press Conference Statement (2) by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, at DAP Petaling Jaya Hqrs on Tuesday, May 12, 1992 at 11.30 a.m.

DAP calls for an immediate halt by all political parties to all politicking on the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians so as not to frighten away investors, both foreign and local, from the country

DAP is holding this press conference to call on all political parties to impose an immediate halt to all politicking on the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians so as not to frighten away investors, both foreign and local, from the country.

Political leaders from all parties should realise that Malaysia's investment climate had deteriorated in the past one month because of the irresponsible politicking by political parties on the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

If this unhealthy and irresponsible politicking is not halted, not only will foreign investors shy away from the country, Malaysians may prefer to put their investments abroad.

PAS most irresponsible in insisting on imposing hukum hudud on the Chinese and non-Muslim Malaysians

PAS had been most irresponsible in insisting on the imposition of hukum hudud on the Chinese and non-Muslim Malaysians, utterly regardless of the constitutional rights and religious sensitivities of the Chinese community and the non-Muslim Malaysians in the country.

PAS leaders must realise that they have a responsibility to promote inter-racial and inter-religious relations and harmony and not to aggravate racial and religious polarisation in the country by showing total disregard to the constitutional rights and religious sensitivities of non-Muslim Malaysians.

However, what has made the political situation in Malaysia in the past one month on the hukum hudud issue completely different from the past 35 years is that the Barisan Nasional parties have also become equally irresponsible.

However, the irresponsibility of the Barisan Nasional parties are many times more destructive than the irresponsibility of PAS, as Barisan Nasional is the government and commands two-thirds majority in Parliament while PAS has only seven MPs.

Yesterday, after meeting a delegation of the Malaysian Consultative Council of Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism and Sikhism, MCA President, Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik, said that the MCA does not see any reason to change the Federal Constitution to allow for the implementation of hukum hudud laws in Kelantan.

If this had been the consistent stand of MCA and the Barisan Nasional parties, then the issue of imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians would not have been so destructive and divisive in the past one month.

I need not mention the open public support which Liong Sik gave to the Johore Bahru announcement by the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, on April 16 of the new Federal Government Policy not to oppose or prevent PAS from introducing hukum hudud and even to amend the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on the non-Muslims in Kelantan.

Liong Sik should explain why MCA has abandoned the

42-year founding principles of MCA and MCA founder leaders like Tan Cheng Lock and Tan Siew Sin on the Federal Government policy on secular state

What Liong Sik and the entire MCA leadership must answer clearly and unequivocally is why they have abandoned the 42-year founding principles of the MCA and the MCA founder leaders like Tan Cheng Lock and Tan Siew Sin on the Federal Government policy and stand on Malaysia as a secular state.

For 35 years until 16th April 1992, it was the Federal Government policy to uphold the secular basis of the Federal Constitution and Malaysian nation and to oppose the imposition of shariah laws on non-Muslim Malaysians.

But on 16th April 1992, the Barisan Nasional Federal Government abandoned this 35-year policy, and the Federal Government has abandoned its position as the defender of the secular basis of the Federal Constitution as it will now not oppose any imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

As the abandonment of this 35-year Federal Government policy is a collective responsibility of the Barisan Nasional component parties and Ministers, Liong Sik should explain why the present MCA leadership has abandoned the 42-year founding principles of MCA and MCA founding leaders like Tan Cheng Lock and Tan Siew Sin.

It is the abandonment of this 35-year Federal Government policy to uphold the secular basis of the Federal Constitution and oppose any imposition of shariah law on non-Muslim Malaysians which has changed the entire character of the political issue of hukum hudud and its imposition on non-Muslim Malaysians.

Call on Cabinet tomorrow to make clear that it has not

abandoned the 35-year Federal Government Policy to uphold the secular basis of the Federal Constitution

DAP calls on all political parties, whether in government or in opposition, to stop politicking with the constitutional rights and religious sensitivities of the different races and religions in the country.

There are certain fundamental issues in the country which must be regarded as transcending political parties, and the constitutional rights and religious sensitivities of the different races and religions is one of them.

It would be most irresponsible for the Barisan Nasional parties, for political calculations and tactical advantages, to abandon the 35-year Federal Government policy to uphold the secular basis of the Federal Constitution.

I want to make two calls here: Firstly, to call on PAS to declare that it has no intention to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

Secondly, DAP calls on the Cabinet tomorrow to make clear that it has not abandoned the 35-year Federal Government Policy to uphold the secular basis of the Federal Constitution, and to declare that if there is any proposal to amend the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, the Barisan Nasional would direct all its MPs to oppose it - as had been the Federal Government policy for the past 35 years.

Speech by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, at a DAP MPs' dinner in Kuala Lumpur on Wednesday, May 13, 1992 at 7 pm

The place to stop PAS from imposing hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians is in Parliament and Cabinet and not in Kelantan

In the past week, MCA and Gerakan national leaders have been competing with each other to challenge me to go to Kelantan to stop PAS from imposing hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

By now, there is hardly a single MCA or Gerakan Minister or national leader who had not made this challenge.

In fact, the Gerakan central information bureau director, Dr. Kang Chin Seng, confessed in Pantai Remis that the Penang Gerakan had put up 10,000 posters in Penang for seven continuous days challenging me to go to Kelantan to stop PAS from imposing hukum hudud.

This is the irresponsible politicking by the Barisan National component parties that I talked about yesterday, which I said was aggravating racial and religious polarisation in the country as well as frightening away foreign and local investments.

I have many examples of such irresponsible politicking by MCA and Gerakan on the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, which prove that the MCA and Gerakan are only interested in 'playing politics' and the advantages that could gain from manipulating the issue, utterly heedless of the harm to nation-building and national unity, investment climate and the integrity of the secular

guarantee of the Federal Constitution.

DAP earnestly call on MCA and Gerakan leaders to 'stop playing with fire' with constitutional rights of the Chinese and non-Muslim Malaysians to a secular state in Malaysia

For instance, in Parliament last week, one MCA MP (Yim Chee Chong of Seremban) challenged the DAP to support PAS by amending the Federal Constitution so that hukum hudud and its penalties of limbs- amputation, whipping and stoning could be imposed on the Chinese and non-Muslim Malaysians.

Another Gerakan leader, Deputy Minister Alex Lee, publicly stated that if PAS impose hukum hudud only on Muslims, this will cause inter-racial tensions and disharmony.

These irresponsible statements by MCA and Gerakan leaders, insisting that PAS must apply hukum hudud on non-Muslims so as not to create inter-racial tensions and challenging the DAP to support PAS to amend the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, are solid proof that the MCA and Gerakan leaders are playing with fire with the constitutional rights of the Chinese and non-Muslim Malaysians.

DAP earnestly calls on the MCA and Gerakan leaders to restore sanity and responsibility, and to stop 'playing with fire' with the constitutional rights of the Chinese and non-Muslim Malaysians to a secular state in Malaysia.

This is my reply to all the MCA and Gerakan Ministers and leaders who have been competing with each other to challenge me to go to Kelantan to stop PAS from imposing hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians: The place to stop PAS from imposing hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians is in Parliament and Cabinet and not in Kelantan.

DAP has made clear in Parliament and outside our opposition to any PAS proposal to amend the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, and have publicly stated that PAS leaders were being most irresponsible in disregarding the constitutional rights and religious sensitivities of non-Muslim Malaysians.

However, the DAP is even more concerned by the irresponsible reactions of MCA and Gerakan over the hukum hudud issue, because they have abandoned their founding party principles and the 35-year Federal Government policy to uphold the secular guarantee and basis of the Federal Constitution and to oppose an Islamic State.

If MCA and Gerakan had not abandoned this 35-year Federal Government policy to oppose an Islamic State, the hukum hudud issue of PAS will be no different from what it was for the past 35 years.

PAS leaders, including the Kelantan Mentri Besar, Nik Aziz Nik Mat, should know very clearly the DAP's stand opposing any attempt to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, and the DAP will stand firm in Parliament to defeat any PAS attempt to amend the Federal Constitution for this purpose.

What DAP, and the Chinese community and all associations and religious organisations, should be very concerned is why the MCA and Gerakan have abandoned the 35-year Federal Government policy to uphold the secular Federal Constitution and oppose an Islamic State?

When Liong Sik met the delegation from the Malaysian Consultative Council of Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism and Sikhism, did he explain why the MCA leaders have decided to abandon the 42-year founding principles of the party and its founder leaders like Tan Cheng Lock and Tan Siew Sin, as well as the 35-year Federal Government policy

to uphold the secular Federal Constitution and oppose an Islamic State?

I am prepared to go to Kelantan any time to meet Nik Aziz over the question of imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

I will meet Liong Sik and Keng Yaik to stop MCA and Gerakan from abandoning their party founding principles and the 35-year Federal Government policy to oppose an Islamic State

At the moment, the position of DAP on the Islamic State has not changed. PAS has also not altered its position of the last 41 years. It is MCA and the Gerakan which have abandoned the 35-year Federal Government policy to uphold the secular Federal Constitution and oppose an Islamic state.

It is clearly more urgent and pressing that I meet the MCA President, Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik and the Gerakan President, Datuk Dr. Lim Keng Yaik, to stop them from abandoning their founding party principles and the 35-year Federal Government policy to uphold the secular Federal Constitution and oppose an Islamic state.

I will meet Liong Sik and Keng Yaik first, before I go to Kelantan to meet with the Kelantan Mentri Besar, Nik Aziz Nik Mat.

I hope Liong Sik and Keng Yaik would realise the gravity of the issue to the people and nation, and not treat this as a political game, and be prepared to meet me over their abandonment of their party founding principles and the 35-year Federal Government policy to uphold the secular Federal Constitution and oppose an Islamic State in Malaysia.

Press Conference Statement (2) by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Petaling Jaya on Thursday, May 14, 1992 at 11.30 am

Letter to Liong Sik and Keng Yaik proposing a meeting to stop MCA and Gerakan from abandoning their party founding principles and the 35-year Federal Government policy to uphold the secular Constitution and oppose an Islamic State

I have today sent separate letters to the MCA President, Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik and the Gerakan President, proposing a meeting as part of the DAP campaign to stop the MCA and Gerakan from abandoning their party founding principles and the 35-year Federal Government Policy to uphold the secular Constitution and oppose an Islamic State.

I leave to Liong Sik and Keng Yaik to fix the date and place of the meeting.

My letter to Liong Sik reads:

"YB Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik,
President,
MCA.

YB Datuk,

Proposal for a meeting to stop MCA from abandoning its party founding principles and the 35-year Federal Government policy to uphold the secular Constitution and oppose an Islamic State

By now, there is hardly a single MCA Minister, Deputy Minister or leader who had not publicly challenged me to go to Kelantan to stop PAS from imposing hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

This is the irresponsible politicking by the Barisan Nasional component parties which is aggravating racial and religious polarisation in the country as well as frightening away foreign and local investments.

For instance, in Parliament last week, the MCA MP for Seremban, YB Yim Chee Chong of Seremban challenged the DAP to support PAS by amending the Federal Constitution so that hukum hudud and its penalties of limbs-amputation, whipping and stoning could be imposed on the Chinese and non-Muslim Malaysians.

You must agree that such irresponsible politicking can do no good, whether for the MCA, the Chinese community or the Malaysian nation.

DAP earnestly calls on the MCA leaders to restore sanity and responsibility, and to stop 'playing with fire' with the constitutional rights of the Chinese and non-Muslim Malaysians to a secular state in Malaysia.

As you know very well, the real place to stop PAS from imposing hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians is in Parliament and Cabinet and not in Kelantan.

DAP has made clear in Parliament and outside our opposition to any PAS proposal to amend the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, and have publicly stated that PAS leaders were being most irresponsible in disregarding the constitutional rights and religious sensitivities of non-Muslim Malaysians.

However, the DAP is even more concerned by the irre-

sponsible reactions of Barisan Nasional component parties over the hukum hudud issue, because they have abandoned their founding party principles and the 35-year Federal Government policy to uphold the secular guarantee and basis of the Federal Constitution and to oppose an Islamic State.

If MCA for instance had not abandoned this 35-year Federal Government policy to oppose an Islamic State, the hukum hudud issue of PAS will be no different from what it was for the past 35 years.

Barisan Nasional has made a fundamental policy change in abandoning its 35-year Federal Government policy to uphold the Secular Constitution which will have far-reaching adverse consequences for inter-racial and inter-religious relations

For 35 years until 16th April 1992, if there is a proposal in Parliament to amend the Federal Constitution to impose shariah law on non-Muslim Malaysians, the Federal Government would oppose such a proposal for violating the secular guarantee of the Constitution with all its MPs united to vote against it. But after 16th April 1992, the Federal Government has abandoned its 35-year policy to uphold the secular Constitution and would not oppose such a proposal with the vote of all its MPs.

This is a fundamental policy change abandoning the 35-year Federal Government policy by the Barisan Nasional component parties to uphold the secular Constitution and oppose an Islamic State and this will have far-reaching adverse repercussions for inter-racial and inter-religious relations and harmony in the country.

What DAP, and the Chinese community and all associations and religious organisations, are very concerned is why the MCA has abandoned the 35-year Federal Government policy to uphold the secular Federal Constitution and oppose

an Islamic State?

I am prepared to go to Kelantan any time to meet Nik Aziz over the question of imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

At the moment however, what is most urgent and pressing is that I meet with you as the MCA President to stop the MCA from abandoning its founding party principles, the founding principles and philosophy of MCA founding leaders like the late Tan Cheng Lock and Tan Siew Sin, and the 35-year Federal Government policy to uphold the secular Federal Constitution and oppose an Islamic state.

I leave to you to propose the date and venue for such a meeting.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



(Lim Kit Siang)
DAP Secretary-General"

I have also sent a similar letter to the Gerakan President, Datuk Dr. Lim Keng Yaik.

The upholding of the Secular Federal Constitution which does not allow the establishment of an Islamic State or the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians is too serious a matter to be abandoned just to allow UMNO to score political points against PAS, and MCA and Gerakan must not allow this 35-year Federal Government policy to be abandoned.

DAP invites MCA to a gentlemen's agreement not to tell lies and falsehoods

I would advise Liong Sik not to make personal attacks against DAP leaders, for this will be most unbecoming for a MCA President.

Yesterday, for instance, Liong Sik was very personal, when he said: "Kit Siang's father and mother, teachers and religion do not teach him to tell lies, but how could he tell lies." (Sin Chew)

DAP leaders do not tell lies, and this is why we are prepared for an open debate, meeting or discussion any time. Unfortunately, the MCA leaders are telling so many lies that none of them dare to face the DAP in an open debate, meeting or discussion.

I call on Liong Sik to co-operate to make Malaysian politics cleaner and more honest, and that from today onwards, if a MCA or DAP leader is accused of telling lies, such a MCA or DAP leader must be prepared publicly to prove the truth of his statement or allegation, or withdraw it.

The DAP will apply this rule with immediate effect and will point out the lies that the MCA leaders are telling about the DAP, which the MCA must withdraw and apologise if they cannot establish its truth.

The DAP welcomes the MCA to point out the 'lies' of DAP leaders, which DAP will withdraw and apologise if they cannot be substantiated.

DAP and MCA can disagree on political principles and policies, but this does not mean we cannot reach a gentleman's agreement that there should be no campaign of lies and falsehoods.

Speech by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, at a DAP ceramah held at Kampong Raja community centre at Cameron Highlands on Sunday, 17th May 1992 at 9 pm

DAP challenges MCA and Gerakan to jointly oppose and condemn PAS and UMNO for wanting to amend the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians

On 16th April 1992, the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, announced the new Federal Government policy in Johore Bahru not to oppose or prevent PAS from introducing hukum hudud and even to amend the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

This Johore Bahru policy announcement of Dr. Mahathir was immediately given full public support by the MCA President, Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik and the Gerakan President, Datuk Dr. Lim Keng Yaik - representing a repudiation of the founding party principles of the MCA and Gerakan and the 35-year Federal Government policy to uphold the secular Federal Constitution and oppose an Islamic State.

However, when attacked by the DAP, the MCA leaders decided to become highly opportunistic and claimed that they oppose the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

If the MCA leaders really oppose the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, then how can the MCA leadership give full public support to Mahathir's Johore Bahru policy announcement?

I call on the MCA and the Gerakan leaders to be honest, consistent and principled in politics and not to be opportunistic, dishonest and parasitical.

I challenge the MCA and Gerakan to take a common and joint stand with the DAP to oppose and condemn PAS and UMNO for wanting to amend the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

Let DAP, MCA and Gerakan take a common and joint stand to demand:

- (1) that PAS abandon its stand that hukum hudud should be imposed on non-Muslim Malaysians; and
- (2) that UMNO, together with MCA, Gerakan and MIC, return to the 35-year Federal Government policy to uphold the secular Federal Constitution and oppose and Islamic state, and reiterate their stand that hukum hudud cannot be imposed on non-Muslim Malaysians.

Chan Kong Choy should ensure first that the constitutional rights and religious sensitivities of the Chinese and non-Muslim Malaysians in his Lipis constituency are respected

During my last three-day stay in Cameron Highlands, I have received many complaints from the people which show that the constitutional rights and religious sensitivities of the people in Tanah Rata, Brinchang, Kampong Raja and Bertam Valley are not being fully respected.

The MP for this area is the MCA Youth Leader and Deputy MCA Minister, Chan Kong Choy. I call on Chan Kong Choy to first ensure that the constitutional rights and religious sensitivities of the Chinese and non-Muslim Malaysians in his own parliamentary constituency are fully respected.

For instance, I have received complaints that pork sellers at Kampong Raja and Bertam Valley are being harassed and summoned, even though they are licensed. In Brinchang, pork was formerly sold at the Brinchang market, but pork stalls have now been moved to beside the public toilet. In the new market at Tanah Rata opened a year ago, there is no pork stall at all.

Chan Kong Choy should pay a special visit to Kota Bahru to see how the pork market is allowed to openly display and sell pork just next to the taxi stand. If Chan Kong Choy cannot even ensure that conditions in his Lipis constituency are at least better than in Kota Bahru, then he is highly opportunistic and hypocritical when he talks about wanting to defend the constitutional rights and religious sensitivities of the Chinese and non-Muslims outside Lipis.

I will therefore call on Chan Kong Choy to return to Lipis first and resolve all these problems affecting the constitutional rights and religious sensitivities of the Chinese and non-Muslims in his constituency, before he pretends to champion the rights of the Chinese and non-Muslims elsewhere.

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, 20th May 1992 at 11.30 a.m.

DAP Central Executive Committee and DAP State Chairmen reiterate the party's 26-year founding principle that Malaysia must remain a secular state and oppose the establishment of an Islamic State

The DAP Central Executive Committee and DAP State Chairmen held a two-day high-level National Leadership conference at Cameron Highlands on 16th and 17th May 1992 and resolved to issue the following 1992 Cameron Highlands Policy Statement:

"The DAP Central Executive Committee and DAP State Chairmen after a two-day national leadership conference on May 16-17, 1992: -

"REITERATE the DAP's 26-year founding principle that Malaysia must remain a secular state and oppose the establishment of an Islamic State;

"OPPOSE any amendment of the Federal Constitution which will undermine the 35-year constitutional guarantee and provision of the secular basis of Malaysian nation-building, bringing the country a step nearer towards the establishment of an Islamic State like the introduction of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians;

"CALL on PAS to respect the constitutional rights and religious sensitivities of a multi-racial, multi-religious and democratic Malaysia and abandon its intention to impose

hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians;

"WARN PAS that it has a responsibility to help safeguard inter-racial and inter-religious amity, goodwill and harmony by respecting the constitutional rights and religious sensitivities of Malaysians of all religions and that it should stop demanding the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians so as not to aggravate racial and religious polarisation as well as frighten away foreign and local investors;

"CALL on the Barisan Nasional not to 'play politics' with the constitutional rights of Malaysians to a secular Malaysia by abandoning the 35-year Federal Government Policy to uphold the secular Federal Constitution and oppose an Islamic State in Malaysia;

"CALL on MCA and Gerakan leaderships not to abandon their party founding principles and the 35-year Federal Government policy to uphold the secular Federal Constitution and oppose an Islamic State;

DAP calls for establishment of an All-Party Commission to end irresponsible politicking on hukum hudud issue

"URGE the Cabinet to announce that the 35-year Federal Government policy to uphold the secular Federal Constitution and oppose the establishment of an Islamic State has not been changed or abandoned, and that if there is any proposal to amend the secular basis of the Federal Constitution as in imposing hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, all Barisan Nasional MPs would vote against it - as would have been the case in the last 35 years.

"CALL for the establishment of an All-Party Commission to end irresponsible politicking on the hukum hudud issue, as racial and religious sensitivities had been aggravated and the investment climate seriously undermined, and to commit all

political parties to understand and realise:

1. that politicking on the constitutional rights and religious sensitivities of Malaysians in a multi-racial and multi-religious society like Malaysia is most irresponsible and dangerous;
2. the need for all political parties to adhere to certain basic groundrules in Malaysian politics, namely the full respect of the constitutional rights and religious sensitivities of all Malaysians; and
3. that any proposal to change the secular basis of the Federal Constitution and Malaysian nation, as well as encouragement of such a proposal as contained in the Johore Bahru announcement by the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, on April 16, 1992, is highly destabilising and will destroy all hopes of achieving the Vision 2020 of turning Malaysia into a fully developed nation in 30 years' time."

Speech by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, at the DAP 'Back To The People' dinner held in Sitiawan on Friday, May 22, 1992 at 7.30 p.m.

Nik Aziz has broken his undertaking to the DAP leaders in January that his government would not introduce any measure which infringes the rights and interests of non-Muslims

The Kelantan Mentri Besar, Nik Aziz Nik Mat, has broken his undertaking to the DAP leaders during our visit to Kelantan and meeting with him on January 28th, 1992 that his government would not introduce any measure which infringes the rights and interests of non-Muslim Malaysians.

In insisting that hukum hudud be imposed on non-Muslim Malaysians, Nik Aziz is not only disregarding the constitutional rights and religious sensitivities of non-Muslim Malaysians, but going back on his public and private assurances that PAS would not introduce any measure which infringes the rights and interests of the non-Muslim Malaysians.

PAS leaders said that non-Muslim Malaysians should understand what is hukum hudud before opposing it. In fact, it is the PAS leaders who must understand the constitutional rights and religious sensitivities of the non-Muslim Malaysians before insisting that hukum hudud should be imposed on non-Muslim Malaysians.

PAS leaders have explained that the penalties of limbs-amputation, whipping and stoning are a very small part of hukum hudud. Furthermore, the rules of evidence, such as requiring four witnesses and eight eyes, are very stringent before a conviction could be secured. It is open knowledge

that in Pakistan, where shariah law had been implemented, women movements are up in arms because it is virtually impossible to secure conviction for rape, resulting in women getting even less protection than before.

This is however not the issue which is the primary concern for the non-Muslims in Malaysia. The one and only issue as far as the non-Muslim Malaysians are concerned is whether PAS respects their constitutional rights and religious sensitivities, including the right to decide whether they want to come under hukum hudud or not.

If PAS denies the non-Muslim Malaysians this right, then PAS is not only disregarding their constitutional rights and religious sensitivities, but their democratic rights as well.

PAS leaders' stand that doctors are not allowed to reattach severed limbs under hukum hudud have created shock and revulsion among non-Muslim community

Recently, the public stand of PAS leaders like Nik Aziz and PAS deputy president, Haji Abdul Hadi Awang, that doctors are not allowed to reattach severed limbs under hukum hudud have created shock and revulsion among the non-Muslim community, especially as PAS insists that hukum hudud be imposed on non-Muslim Malaysians.

It is most shocking that PAS leaders show utter lack of sensitivity to the rights and feelings of non-Muslim Malaysians in their insistence to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians and do not care whether they alienate the entire non-Muslim community.

DAP calls on the PAS leadership to accept the political reality that Malaysia is a multi-racial and multi-religious society, that non-Muslims have constitutional rights and religious sensitivities that must be respected by all political parties, that it has a responsibility to avoid aggravating racial

and religious polarisation in the country, and to halt its reckless statements, speeches and demands.

Most important of all, I call on PAS to abandon its insistence to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

Speech by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjong, Lim Kit Siang, at the joint meeting of DAP National and State Publicity Secretaries and Treasurers held at DAP PJ Hqrs on Saturday, May 23, 1992 at 2 p.m.

Nik Aziz should visit China and learn from the fact that the 30 million Muslims in China do not impose hukum hudud either on themselves or on non-Muslims

I want to make a correction of a newspaper report today of my speech in Sitiawan last night. I was quoted as saying that the Kelantan Mentri Besar, Nik Aziz Nik Mat, had given an undertaking to DAP leaders during our meeting in Kota Bahru on January 28 that the State Government would not impose the hudud laws on non-Muslim Malaysians, and that Nik Aziz had broken this undertaking.

I did not make this statement as the hudud laws were never discussed in our meeting of January 28. What I said in Sitiawan was that at the Jan. 28 meeting, Nik Aziz gave an assurance that the PAS government in Kelantan would not introduce any measure which would infringe on non-Muslim rights and interests.

I said in Sitiawan that having given this assurance, for Nik Aziz to insist on the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslims is to go back on his undertaking that his government would not introduce any measure which would infringe non-Muslim rights and interests.

The reason why DAP leaders visited Kelantan in January and met with the Kelantan Mentri Besar was solely because of widespread allegations by MCA and Gerakan that in its 15

months in office, PAS had introduced over 70 Islamisation measures which infringed the rights and interests of the Chinese and non-Muslims in Kelantan and oppressed and persecuted the non-Muslim communities.

Nik Aziz had himself admitted to the press later that this was the whole purpose of the January 28 meeting.

The DAP's visit to Kelantan and meeting with the Kelantan Mentri Besar, and our finding on January 28 that there was no truth in the MCA and Gerakan allegations that the rights and interests of the Chinese and non-Muslims in Kelantan were infringed by over 70 Islamisation measures are proof that the DAP is prepared to be unpopular provided what we are doing is right.

PAS leaders should therefore understand that unlike some political parties in Malaysia, the DAP does not oppose for the sake of opposition. They should therefore pay heed to the DAP's honest views when we urged PAS to respect the religious sensitivities, constitutional and democratic rights of the non-Muslims in Malaysia by declaring that hukum hudud will not apply to non-Muslims in Malaysia.

Nik Aziz had often referred to the fact that China has more Muslims than the entire population in Malaysia, and that the Chinese in Malaysia should follow the example of the Muslims in China.

It has been reported that Nik Aziz will be visiting China next month and meet the Muslim communities in China.

Nik Aziz should visit China and learn from the fact that the 30 million Muslims in China do not impose hukum hudud whether on themselves or on non-Muslims in China.

MAIKA



Press Conference Statement by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Parliament House on Thursday, May 7, 1992 at 3 p.m.

DAP calls on Datuk Samy Vellu to resign as MIC President and Tan Sri Rama Iyer to resign as MAIKA Holdings Managing Director in causing the Indian community to lose \$70 million from nine million Telecoms shares by diverting them to two \$2 shell companies and a third one owned by a director of MAIKA

DAP MP for Bukit Bintang, Sdr. Wee Choo Keong, has made a search of the Registry of Companies this morning on the three companies named by the Finance Minister, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, in Parliament yesterday as having taken over the nine million Telecoms shares offered by the Ministry of Finance to MAIKA Holdings in 1990.

The particulars of the three companies are as follows:

Advance Personal Computers Sdn. Bhd
(Company No: T 177706-U)

Date of Incorporation:	11/1/1989
Authorised capital:	\$500,000.
Issued and paid-up capital:	\$250,000.

Directors:-

1. S. Balasubramaniam s/o M.S. Survei
42, Jalan SS 3/52, Taman Universiti, Petaling Jaya
2. Sothinathan a/l Sinna Govinder

7 Section 11/14, Petaling Jaya, Selangor.

3. R. Selvendra
No. 3, Sion Close, Waterford, W.A. 6152 Australia.

Shareholders:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. S. Balasubramaniam s/o M.S. Servai | 124,998 shares |
| 2. Sothinathan a/l Sinna Govinder | 124,999 shares |
| 3. R. Selvendra | 1 share |
| 4. Isphare Kumar
Isphare Kumar | 1 share
(1 share) |

Company Secretary:

S. Balasubramaniam s/o M.S. Survei

Registered Office:

Level 2, Block F-North,
Damansara Town Centre,
Damansara Heights,
Kuala Lumpur.

S.B. Management Services Sdn. Bhd
(Company No: T 191039-V)

Date of Incorporation:	18/12/1989
Authorised Capital:	\$25,000
Issued and Paid Up Capital:	\$2

Director/shareholder:

1. S. Balasubramaniam s/o M.S. Survei (1 share)

42, Jalan SS 3/52, Taman Universiti, Petaling Jaya

2. Sothinathan a/l Sinna Govinder (1 share)
7 Section 11/14, Petaling Jaya, Selangor.

Company Secretary:

S. Balasubramaniam s/o M.S. Survai

Registered Office:

Level 2, Block F-North,
Damansara Town Centre,
Damansara Heights,
Kuala Lumpur.

Clearway Sdn Bhd
(Company No: T 173812)

Date of Incorporation:	10/9/1988
Authorised capital:	\$25,000
Issued and Paid Up Capital:	\$2

Directors:

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

Shareholders:

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

Company Secretary:

Cheok Kim Chee

18, Jalan Desa 2, Taman Desa, Kuala Lumpur.

Registered Office:

D12, Tingkat 1, Plaza Pekeliling,

No. 2, Jalan Tun Razak, Kuala Lumpur.

The result of the search made by Sdr. Wee Choo Keong is most shocking and confirmed that the Indian community had been betrayed by political and corporate leaders who have been making use of its name for their own personal selfish interest.

According to Anwar Ibrahim, the Finance Ministry made a special offer of 10 million Telecoms shares at \$5 per share to MAIKA HOLDINGS on 29th September 1990 (although MIC President, Datuk Samy Vellu said in Tamil Nesan on 5th April 1992 that the Finance Ministry offer was made on 27th September 1990) for the interest of the Indian community.

Anwar told Parliament yesterday that MAIKA HOLDINGS's response was that it only had the finances to take up one million Telecoms shares, and on MAIKA's proposal, the remaining nine million Telecoms shares were allocated to three companies named above. When I asked Anwar how the Finance Ministry could allocate the nine million Telecoms shares to the three companies, Anwar said that to his Ministry's knowledge, the three companies "represented the interests of the Indian community and would be able to pass on the

shares to co-operatives and chambers of commerce with Indian interests."

From the searches made by Sdr. Wee Choo Keong, it is clear that the three companies cannot represent the Indian community or the Indian interests.

Two companies, namely S.B. Management Services Sdn. Bhd. and Clear Way Sdn. Bhd., are \$2 shell companies, while the third, Advance Personal Computers Sdn. Bhd. has only a paid-up capital of \$250,000.

What is the criteria and justification for the allocation of three million Telecoms shares costing \$15 million to each of these three companies?

It is significant that S. Balasubramaniam s/o M.S. Survei and Sothinathan a/l Sinna Govinder appear as director/shareholder of two of the three companies, i.e. Advance Personal Computers Sdn. Bhd. and S.B. Management Services Sdn. Bhd., which also have the same address.

A director/shareholder of Advance Personal Computers Sdn. Bhd., R. Selvendra, is a director of MAIKA HOLDINGS.

Clearly, what has happened here is a gross breach of trust and abuse of power by the MIC leadership and the MAIKA Holdings top management, and I call on Datuk Samy Vellu to resign as MIC President and Tan Sri Rama Iyer to resign as MAIKA Holdings Managing Director for a \$70 million breach of trust to the Indian community in the MAIKA Holdings Telecoms shares scandal.

The Telecoms shares were traded at \$12.60 per share at the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange at closing yesterday. This means that if MAIKA Holdings had taken up the nine million Telecom shares at \$5 a share, the MAIKA Holdings members

and the Indian community would have made a profit of \$68.4 million.

Now, the MAIKA Holdings members and the Indian community have lost this \$70 million because of the betrayal of trust and abuse of power by the MIC political leadership and the MAIKA Holdings top management.

I had stated in Parliament last week as well as yesterday that it was not true that MAIKA Holdings did not have the financing to take up the 10 million Telecoms shares specially offered to it by the Ministry of Finance, as on October 6, 1990, Arab-Malaysia Merchant Banking Bhd. approved MAIKA's application for \$50 million financing to take up the entire 10 million shares at \$5 per share.

The decision to reject the nine million shares was made by probably two persons, one in MIC and another in MAIKA Holdings, and not by the Board of Directors of MAIKA Holdings. The Board of Directors of MAIKA Holdings also never recommended that the nine million shares be given to the three companies, S.B. Management Services Sdn. Bhd., Advanced Personal Computers Sdn. Bhd. and Clear Way Sdn. Bhd., as the MAIKA Board decided on Oct. 8, 1990 that it was able and willing to take up the entire offer of 10 million Telecoms shares.

In fact, I believe the identity of the three companies which had hijacked the nine million Telecoms shares were completely unknown to bona fide members of the MAIKA Board of Director

Grave conflict of interests is involved in this scandal, particularly in the case of R. Selvendra who is both director of MAIKA Holdings as well as director-shareholder of one of the three companies which succeeded in diverting to itself three million Telecoms shares offered to MAIKA.

DAP calls for public inquiry into the \$120 million

MAIKA Holdings Telecoms shares scandal

On behalf of the MAIKA Holdings members and the 1.7 million Indians in the country, DAP calls for the establishment of a public inquiry into the \$120 million MAIKA Holdings Telecoms shares scandal.

The public have a right to know who had been responsible for robbing the Indian community of the \$120 million which they would have owned if MAIKA Holdings had been allowed to take up the entire offer of 10 million Telecoms shares, and in particular:

- (i) who was responsible for rejecting the offer of nine million Telecoms shares by MAIKA Holdings;
- (ii) who was responsible for recommending the three companies to hijack the nine million Telecoms shares meant for the Indian community;
- (iii) why the Finance Ministry allow the nine million Telecoms shares to be hijacked by two \$2 shell companies and a company which is owned by a director of MAIKA Holdings.

DAP calls on Anwar Ibrahim to take action to ensure that the three companies cough out the nine million Telecoms shares at \$5 a share and return them to MAIKA Holdings

DAP also calls on the Finance Minister, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, to take all necessary action to return the nine million Telecoms shares to MAIKA Holdings and the Indian community.

Anwar Ibrahim has made it clear that the nine million Telecoms shares allocated to the three companies was in trust for the Indian community.

These three companies and their real backers should therefore be required to cough out the nine million Telecom shares at \$5 a share and return them to MAIKA Holdings.

Press Statement

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

DAP prepared to convene a meeting of MAIKA Holdings members to consider ways whereby the \$70 million loss suffered by them in the Telecoms shares scandal could be recovered from three companies

DAP is prepared to convene a meeting of MAIKA Holdings members to consider ways and means whereby the \$70 million loss suffered by them in the MAIKA HOLDINGS TELECOMS SHARES SCANDAL could be recovered from the three companies which had hijacked the nine million shares meant for the Indian community, namely Advance Personal Computers Sdn. Bhd., S.B. Management Services Sdn. Bhd. and Clearway Sdn. Bhd..

The Finance Minister, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, has made it very clear that the 10 million Telecoms shares were given for the Indian community. This means that the allocation of nine million Telecoms shares to these three companies, two of which are just \$2 companies, are not meant for individual gain but to be held in trust for the MAIKA Holdings members and the Indian community.

The MIC leadership and the top MAIKA Holdings management should explain to the Indian community and the Malaysian public what is the basis for the choice of these three companies to divert the nine million Telecoms shares, when MAIKA had received full loan facilities from Arab-Malaysian Merchant Banking of \$50 million to take up the 10 million

Telecoms shares.

Furthermore, what are the terms and conditions imposed on these three companies so as to make MAIKA recommend the diversion of the nine million Telecoms shares to the three companies.

The mysterious characters behind these three companies should also surface in public and declare whether they are prepared to cough up the nine million Telecoms shares, and the \$70 million they have profited, and return them to MAIKA Holdings members and the Indian community.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Petaling Jaya on Saturday, May 9, 1992:

ACA should question Datuk Samy Vellu and Tan Sri Rama Iyer on the nine million Telecom shares 'hijack' scandal by three mysterious companies, two of which are \$2 companies

DAP welcomes the Anti-Corruption Agency raid of the three mysterious companies, Advance Personal Computers Sdn. Bhd., SB Management Sdn Bhd and Clearway Sdn Bhd, which had 'hijacked' the nine million Telecoms shares specially allocated to the MAIKA HOLDINGS.

New Straits Times today reported that the ACA yesterday raided the offices of the three companies between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. yesterday.

A team of officers led by Federal Territory ACA director Nordin Ismail raided the three offices - two in Damansara Heights and another in Sentul - and removed files and other documents pertaining to the share transaction from the companies.

I commend the ACA for its quick and prompt action, as this is the first time in history that the ACA had initiated action following my Parliamentary disclosures of financial scandals involving breach of criminal trust and other corrupt malpractices. Until the quick and prompt action of the ACA yesterday, I had wondered what is the purpose of the ACA wasting its time by stationing a representative in Parliament during Parliamentary meetings, when it had never acted on parlia-

mentary disclosures.

The ACA should question the MIC President, Datuk Samy Vellu and the MAIKA HOLDINGS managing director, Tan Sri Rama Iyer, in connection with the scandal of the hijacking of the nine million Telecoms shares which the Finance Ministry had specially allocated to MAIKA HOLDINGS for the Indian community.

Datuk Samy Vellu had been most irresponsible in absconding to the United States immediately after my parliamentary disclosure without giving an explanation on the scandal of the hijacking of the nine million MAIKA HOLDINGS Telecoms shares

Datuk Samy Vellu was in the Parliament House on April 29, 1992 when I spoke on the scandal of the hijacking of the nine million MAIKA HOLDINGS Telecoms shares, and revealed that his earlier explanations to MIC branches and the Indian community that MAIKA HOLDINGS did not have the finances in 1990 to take up the entire 10 million Telecom shares was false and untrue.

This was because on Oct. 6, 1990 MAIKA HOLDINGS was informed by letter of the approval by Arab-Malaysia Merchant Banking of its application on Oct. 4 for \$50 million loan to take up the entire 10 million Telecoms shares.

Furthermore, the Board of Directors of MAIKA Holdings never rejected the offer of 10 million Telecoms shares. The Board decided at its first available meeting after the offer from the Finance Ministry on Oct. 8, 1990 to accept the entire offer of 10 million Telecoms shares, which was especially fortified by the approval of the \$50 million loan financing by Arab-Malaysia Merchant Banking two days earlier.

Although Datuk Samy Vellu was not in the Chambers when I spoke, he heard my speech in the Parliament Building.

I know he was very angry after my speech, not at the scandal of the hijacking of the nine million MAIKA HOLDINGS Telecoms shares, but that I had made the scandal public.

Under the circumstances, it was the height of irresponsibility on the part of Datuk Samy Vellu to abscond to the United States on 'sick leave' immediately after my parliamentary disclosure without giving a satisfactory explanation to the MAIKA HOLDINGS members, the Indian community and the Malaysian public on the scandal of the hijack of the nine million Telecoms shares, which have caused the MAIKA HOLDINGS members to lose \$71.1 million at the close of the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange yesterday.

MAIKA HOLDINGS Board of Directors should convene emergency meeting to suspend Tan Sri Rama Iyer as Managing Director and R. Selvendra as Director

Although the Board of Directors of MAIKA HOLDINGS had not taken a collective decision to reject the nine million Telecoms shares, all the Board Members cannot shirk their responsibility and negligence in allowing the hijacking of the nine million Telecoms shares to occur under their noses.

How many of the MAIKA HOLDINGS Board members were privy to the scandal of the hijacking of the nine million Telecoms shares to the three mysterious companies? I am sure there are MAIKA Board members who knew about the hijacking scandal - but are they prepared to come forward to confess their complicity now?

The Board of Directors must now make amends for their gross negligence in the scandal, and convene an emergency meeting of the Board to:

1. establish a public inquiry into the Scandal of the hijacking of the nine million Telecoms shares specially allocated to MAIKA HOLDINGS by the Min-

istry of Finance;

2. suspend Tan Sri Rama Iyer as Managing Director for his role in the scandal;
3. expel R. Selvendra as a Director, and lodge police report against him, for he had committed grave conflict of interest as he was a director-shareholder of one of the three companies which had hijacked the nine million Telecoms shares; and
4. demand that the nine million shares allocated to the three companies in trust of the Indian community should be returned to MAIKA HOLDINGS, and to hold all persons responsible for the hijacking, including Datuk Samy Vellu, Tan Sri Rama Iyer, R. Selvendra, to make good the losses of \$71.1 million suffered by MAIKA HOLDINGS.

MAIKA HOLDINGS members who support the proposal that the DAP convene a meeting of MAIKA HOLDINGS members to consider ways and means to recover the nine million Telecoms shares allocated 'in trust' of the Indian community, as well as to recover \$71.1 million losses from all those responsible for the shares hijacking scandal, should contact DAP MPs, Assemblymen, leaders or branches, giving their names, identity card, address and MAIKA HOLDINGS membership number.

If there is a substantial group of MAIKA HOLDINGS who want the DAP to convene such a meeting to defend their rights and interests, I am prepared to convene such a meeting.

Press Statement

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

Statement by MAIKA Chairman, Tan Sri G. Pasamanickam that he knew nothing about the allocation of nine million Telecoms shares to three mysterious companies most shocking and unbelievable

The statement by the MAIKA HOLDINGS Chairman, Tan Sri G. Pasamanickam, that he knew nothing about the nine million Telecoms shares which the Finance Ministry had allocated for MAIKA HOLDINGS being diverted to three mysterious companies is most shocking and unbelievable.

As MAIKA HOLDINGS chairman, is Tan Sri Pasamanickam telling the 70,000 MAIKA HOLDINGS members that he knows even less about the \$120 million MAIKA HOLDINGS Telecoms shares hijacking scandal than me, who is not a member of MAIKA HOLDINGS?

Secondly, is Pasamanickam suggesting that he is not the real 'power' in MAIKA HOLDINGS, and that a lot of important things took place in MAIKA HOLDINGS completely without his knowledge, such as the rejection of the nine million Telecoms shares although MAIKA had the \$50 million financing from Arab-Malaysian Merchant Banking to take up the the 10 million Telecoms shares; and the recommendation to the Finance Ministry made in the name of MAIKA HOLDINGS that the nine million shares be allocated to two \$2 companies and one belonging to a MAIKA HOLDING director, R. Selvendra?

Thirdly, Pasamanickam does not seem to be very upset that MAIKA HOLDINGS, which reported a group loss of about \$5 million after eight years of operation at last year's annual general meeting, had lost \$71 million profit because of the hijacking of the nine million Telecoms shares by three mysterious companies. Is Pasamanickam aware that if the MAIKA Board had taken up the nine million Telecoms shares, the MAIKA's group loss would have been wiped out and there would instead be a profit of over \$60 million, enabling MAIKA HOLDINGS to pay out proper dividends to the 70,000 members for the first time in eight years?

Fourthly, Pasamanickam's statement that the monthly Board meeting of the MAIKA Holdings on May 13 might discuss the \$71 million Telecoms shares hijacking scandal is most scandalous. What other issue could there be for the MAIKA Boards of Directors at its meeting of May 13 apart from this Telecoms shares hijacking scandal? Is Pasamanickam suggesting that the MAIKA Board might not discuss this shares hijacking scandal at its meeting on Wednesday? If so, the whole Board including its Chairman should be sacked for their gross irresponsibility to the MAIKA members.

The Board of Directors of MAIKA HOLDINGS should realise that they are directly responsible to 70,000 MAIKA HOLDINGS members for the loss of \$71 million, which they must make good.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Penang on Sunday, May 11, 1992:

Finance Minister, Anwar Ibrahim, should investigate whether Finance Ministry officials had been involved in the \$71 million MAIKA HOLDINGS Telecoms Shares Hijacking scandal

Deputy Finance Minister, Abdul Ghani Othman said in Kuala Lumpur yesterday that it was up to the three companies which had been allocated the nine million Telecoms shares meant for MAIKA HOLDINGS to ensure that the Indian community benefitted.

Ghani said that the Ministry of Finance had allocated 10 million shares to MAIKA HOLDINGS, the investment arm of the Malaysian Indian Congress, for the benefit of the Indian community, but MAIKA decided to take only one million shares and the remaining nine million shares were allocated to three companies, Advance Personal Computer Sdn. Bhd, SB Management Sdn. Bhd and Clearway Sdn. Bhd.

Ghani's explanation is unsatisfactory and unacceptable, for the Finance Ministry cannot complete disclaim responsibility for the \$71 million MAIKA HOLDINGS Telecoms shares hijacking scandal.

The question which the Finance Ministry must answer is whether the Finance Ministry had verified the credentials of these three companies before allocating the nine million Telecoms shares to them, which has caused the MAIKA

HOLDINGS members and the Indian community to lose \$71 million from the close of last week's Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange.

DAP calls on the Finance Minister, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, to institute investigations to find out whether any Finance Ministry official had been involved in the \$120 million MAIKA HOLDINGS Telecoms shares hijacking scandal - in deliberately allocating the nine million Telecoms shares to the three companies knowing that these three companies were set up to benefit a few individuals and defeat the original purpose of the allocation.

DAP to form a Committee on the \$120 million MAIKA HOLDINGS Telecoms Shares Hijacking Scandal to recover the losses suffered by the Indian community

DAP will form a Committee on the \$120 million MAIKA HOLDINGS Telecoms Shares Hijacking Scandal which will seek to recover the losses suffered by the Indian community.

This Committee will look into all aspects of the scandal, whether political, criminal, corruption and even legal and the various actions that could be taken to protect the rights of the MAIKA HOLDINGS members and the Indian community.

Up to now, the MIC leadership, MAIKA Holdings top management, the three mysterious companies, namely Advance Personal Computers Sdn. Bhd., the S.B. Management Services Sdn. Bhd. and Clearway Sdn. Bhd., had maintained a strange silence since this scandal was raised in Parliament by the DAP 12 days ago on April 29, 1992.

All these parties who have played a role in the \$120 million MAIKA HOLDINGS Telecoms Shares Hijacking Scandal should realise that they cannot escape public accountability and responsibility by just maintaining a stony silence.

Call on MIC Central Committee to give an assurance to the MAIKA HOLDINGS members that they will collectively and individually stand guarantee for the restoration of the nine million Telecoms shares and the losses of \$71 million

I call on the MIC Central Committee to give an assurance to the MAIKA HOLDINGS members that they will collectively and individually stand guarantee for the restoration of the nine million Telecoms shares and the losses of \$71 million to MAIKA HOLDINGS.

This is only fair and proper in view of the relationship between the Board of Directors of MAIKA HOLDINGS and the MIC top leadership.

Press Conference Statement by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, at DAP PJ Hqrs on Tuesday, May 12, 1992 at 11.30 a.m.

MAIKA Board meeting tomorrow should convene an emergency general meeting (EGM) of MAIKA members on the \$120 million Telecom shares hijacking scandal

The MAIKA HOLDINGS Board of Directors meeting tomorrow should convene an emergency general meeting (EGM) of MAIKA members on the \$120 million Telecoms shares hijacking scandal.

If the MAIKA HOLDINGS Board of Directors refuses to decide at its meeting tomorrow to convene a EGM, then the MAIKA HOLDINGS members should requisition for a EGM themselves.

DAP has formed a Committee to help the 66,000 MAIKA HOLDINGS members to get justice and repayment of the \$71 million profit which should go to MAIKA from the nine million Telecoms shares, and this DAP Committee is prepared to help the MAIKA HOLDINGS members to requisition for a EGM.

In the Tamil Nanban today, MIC Central Working Committee member, Dr. K. S.Nijhar, called for the resignation of the MAIKA Board of Directors and their punishment for the \$120 million Telecoms share hijacking scandal.

The MAIKA Boards of Directors must indeed bear full responsibility for the \$71 million loss suffered by the 66,000 MAIKA members, but it is clear from the various statements

that had been made in the past, whether in the press or in MIC meetings, that even more responsible for the MAIKA Telecoms shares hijacking scandal is the top MIC leadership and in particular, the MIC President, Datuk Samy Vellu.

The Chairman of the MAIKA Board of Directors, Tan Sri G. Pasamanickam, said in Tamil Nanban yesterday that he knew only about the one million Telecom shares offered to MAIKA and nothing about the other nine million shares.

It is shocking that the Chairman of MAIKA Holdings did not know that the Finance Ministry had allocated 10 million Telecoms shares - but Tan Sri Pasamanickam may be telling the truth, for clearly the MAIKA Chairman is just a figure-head.

This is why at MIC meetings, it was Datuk Samy Vellu who had been answering queries about the hijacking of the nine million Telecoms shares allocated to MAIKA HOLDINGS and not Tan Sri Pasamanickam. However, Pasamanickam will be grossly mistaken if he and the MAIKA Directors think that their 'ignorance' will clear them of their responsibility to the 66,000 MAIKA members for the \$120 million shares hijacking scandal.

The hijacking of the nine million Telecoms shares is a criminal breach of trust of the 66,000 MAIKA members who had responded to Samy Vellu's call eight years ago to invest in MAIKA HOLDINGS

The greatest mystery about the \$120 million Telecoms shares hijacking scandal is that the MIC leaders have either gone into hiding, disappeared overseas (not only Datuk Samy Vellu, but according to Pasamanickam yesterday, the majority of the MAIKA Directors are also overseas), or trying to put the blame on the MAIKA Board.

Why is it no MIC leader dare to come forward to put the

brame and responsibility squarely on the MIC President, Datuk Samy Vellu and the MAIKA Managing Director, Tan Sri Rama Iyer?

The hijacking of the nine million Telecoms shares is a criminal breach of trust of the 66,000 MAIKA members who had responded to Samy Vellu's call eight years go to invest in MAIKA HOLDINGS.

What have MAIKA HOLDINGS to show all these eight years? MAIKA suffered a group loss of \$4.69 million after tax for 1990, its last statement of account.

The losses of MAIKA include the \$12 million loss in Anthonian Store, \$5 million loss in United Oriental Assurance, and the shrinking of the \$32 million equity in United Asian Bank (now Bank of Commerce) to \$3 million.

In response to Datuk Samy Vellu's call, many Indians took bank loans to subscribe to MAIKA and have to pay high interest rates. In fact, many MAIKA holders faced legal actions by the banks for their inability to service their loans.

All these problems would have been resolved if MAIKA HOLDINGS had taken up the nine million Telecoms shares - especially as Arab-Malaysian Merchant Banking had already approved 100 per cent funding of \$50 million to take up all the 10 million Telecoms shares at \$5 per share.

The \$71 million profit from the nine million Telecoms shares could be used to wipe out the group losses of MAIKA Holdings, pay dividends to the 66,000 MAIKA members to reward them for their support and loyalty which could be used by members to repay their bank loans, as well as having a strong base for MAIKA HOLDINGS to fulfil its original promise as the corporate arm of the Indian community.

The hijacking of the nine million Telecoms shares from

MAIKA had been brought up at various MIC meetings in the past few months, and Datuk Samy Vellu had given different explanations at different meetings.

Samy Vellu's explanation that there had been a profit of \$8 million from the nine million shares and they had been pumped into Taffe College is unacceptable

For instance, at the MIC economic convention in Shah Alam in February, 1992, Datuk Samy Vellu said that he had made arrangements with banks to buy up Telecoms shares on behalf of the community, and that the shares were later sold for a profit of about \$8 million. He claimed that the money had been pumped into the \$30 million Taffe college.

Datuk Samy Vellu will probably repeat this explanation when he returns from the United States.

But is this explanation credible and acceptable? It is clearly not.

If the whole deal is so honourable and above-board, why was the offer of nine million Telecoms shares to MAIKA enveloped in such secrecy and mystery?

The reason given by Samy Vellu that MAIKA had no financing to take up the nine million Telecoms shares had been shot down by my disclosure in Parliament that Arab-Malaysian Merchant Banking had approved MAIKA's application for a \$50 million to take up the 10 million shares.

If MAIKA is able and willing to take up the 10 million Telecoms shares, why did Datuk Samy Vellu block MAIKA from accepting the allocation?

If the whole deal is so honourable and above-board, why didn't Datuk Samy Vellu explain the whole transaction to the Indian community right from the beginning, instead of resort-

ing to mysterious \$2 companies like SB Management Sdn. Bhd and Clear Way Sdn. Bhd?

Can the MAIKA members and the Indian community accept that there were only \$8 million profit from the nine million Telecoms shares hijacked from MAIKA and that they had been pumped into the TAFPE College?

Datuk Samy Vellu should return from the United States and make public the dates, price and full particulars of all transactions of the nine million Telecoms shares, right from the day they were hijacked from MAIKA Holdings.

The 66,000 MAIKA HOLDINGS members have the right to insist that as the nine million shares were allocated to MAIKA, the nine million shares were held by the three mysterious companies in trust for MAIKA, and Datuk Samy Vellu and the MAIKA Board must make good the \$71 million losses now suffered by MAIKA.

DAP's Committee on the \$120 million MAIKA HOLDINGS Telecoms shares hijacking is calling a meeting of MAIKA HOLDINGS members at Transport Workers Union on Sunday, May 24, 1992 at 11 a.m. to discuss steps that could be taken to demand the restoration of the \$71 million from the hijacking of the Telecom shares to MAIKA HOLDINGS. The Committee will explore all avenues possible, including legal and criminal.

The DAP Committee comprises:

Chairman:	P. Pato - Deputy Secretary-General
Vice Chairman:	V. David - MP for Puchong
Secretary:	A. Sivanesan - Selangor DAPSY Secretary
Members:	Madhavan Nair - Selangor Assemblyman

A. Pakianathan
V. Vembarasan

Legal Adviser: Karpal Singh
Adviser: Lim Kit Siang

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Petaling Jaya on Wednesday, 13th May 1992:

Samy Vellu should appear before a Parliamentary inquiry to explain his role in the \$120 million MAIKA HOLDINGS Telecoms shares hijacking scandal

In Parliament on Monday, during the debate on the supplementary estimates, I pursued the \$120 million MAIKA HOLDINGS Telecoms shares hijacking scandal, and demanded a satisfactory explanation as to why the Finance Ministry had diverted nine million Telecoms shares allocated to MAIKA HOLDINGS to three companies, two of which are companies with only \$2 paid-up capital, without making any investigation of its own.

In his reply yesterday, the Deputy Finance Minister, Abdul Ghani Othman, said that when MAIKA HOLDINGS accepted only one million Telecom shares and declined nine million shares, and recommended the allocation of three millions Telecoms shares each to Personal Computer Sdn. Bhd., and two companies with \$2 paid-up capital, SB Management Sdn. Bhd and Clearway Sdn. Bhd, the Finance Ministry accepted the recommendations in "good faith ... with the belief and confidence that the benefits will be passed down to the Indian community."

When I asked Ghani Othman how the Finance Ministry could maintain that it had offered 10 million Telecoms shares to MAIKA HOLDINGS when the MAIKA Chairman, Tan Sri G. Pasamanickam had stated publicly he knew nothing

about the nine million Telecoms shares offer, Ghani Othman said that this was an internal MAIKA affair.

The Finance Ministry and Barisan Nasional Government cannot 'wash its hands' and involvement in the \$120 million MAIKA HOLDINGS Telecoms shares hijacking scandal by 'passing the buck' to MAIKA, for it is Finance Ministry which was the approving authority.

There must be a full inquiry into the role of all parties and persons involved in the \$120 million MAIKA HOLDINGS Telecoms shares hijacking scandal, in particular the Finance Ministry, the MIC President, Datuk Samy Vellu, the MAIKA Board of Directors, MAIKA Managing Director, Tan Sri Rama Iyer, and the personalities in the three companies which were used as the instruments to hijack the nine million Telecoms shares from MAIKA HOLDINGS.

I call on the MIC President, Datuk Seri Samy Vellu, to immediately return from the United States and offer to appear before a Parliamentary Inquiry Committee into the \$120 million MAIKA HOLDINGS Telecoms shares hijacking scandal. If Samy Vellu is prepared to appear before a parliamentary inquiry committee, then the Dewan Rakyat can establish such a inquiry committee at its current meeting.

Would Nijhar call for Samy Vellu's resignation as MIC President and Cabinet Minister if the latter was responsible for MAIKA's rejection of nine million Telecoms shares?

MIC Central Working Committee member, Datuk K.S. Nijhar, said yesterday that the rejection of the nine million Telecoms shares by MAIKA HOLDINGS was "an unpardonable act" and those responsible should resign.

Would Datuk Nijhar maintain this same stand if it is proved that the person who must finally be responsible for the

rejection of the nine million Telecoms shares was none other than Datuk Samy Vellu? Would Datuk Nijhar then openly call for Datuk Samy Vellu's resignation as MIC President and Minister for Energy, Posts and Telecoms?

DAP calls on MCA Ministers to explain where is the allocation for Telecoms shares for the Chinese community?

As a result of the DAP expose of the \$120 million MAIKA Telecoms shares hijacking scandal, the Chinese community is asking where is their allocation for Telecoms shares?

Or has there also been a hijacking of the Telecoms shares allocated to the Chinese community by certain MCA leaders, as has happened with the Telecoms shares allocated to the Indian community?

When DAP MP for Bukit Bintang, Sdr. Wee Choo Keong, raised this question in Parliament, Ghani said the Government offered Telecom shares for the Bumiputera and Indian communities through the Malay Chamber of Commerce and MAIKA HOLDINGS respectively to uphold the status of the two communities in the investment activities of the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange.

He said the Government did not make the special allocation for the Chinese community because it felt that the Chinese are already actively participating in the buying and selling of shares done through the Stock Exchange.

This explanation by the Deputy Finance Minister is clearly unsatisfactory and unacceptable.

DAP calls on the MCA Ministers to explain whether they had asked in Cabinet for a special allocation of Telecoms shares to the Chinese community, so that the Chinese community will not be discriminated against as the government

was allocating Telecoms shares to the Bumiputera and Indian communities.

Or did the MCA Ministers arrange for certain special allocations for the Chinese community with regard to the Telecoms shares, which had not been made public?

Press Conference Statement by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Petaling Jaya on Thursday, May 14, 1992 at 11.30 a.m. together with MAIKA Holdings members assaulted when peacefully pickeeting outside MAIKA headquarters yesterday

DAP calls on MIC President, Datuk Samy Vellu, to sack Selangor Assemblyman Sivalingam and publicly apologise for unleashing thuggery, gangsterism and violence against MAIKA members who peacefully picketted at MAIKA headquarters yesterday to protest against the \$120 million Telecoms shares hijacking scandal

DAP condemns the MIC physical assault and violence on the MAIKA Holdings members who peacefully picketted outside MAIKA Hqrs in Kuala Lumpur yesterday to protest against the \$120 million MAIKA Telecoms shares hijacking scandal.

DAP calls on the MIC President, Datuk Samy Vellu, to publicly apologise for the thuggery, gangsterism and violence unleashed by the MIC against MAIKA members, which included two women, M. Pathmah and Kaliamah, and to sack the MIC Selangor Assemblyman for Seri Cahaya, S. Sivalingam, for leading the assault and violence against the MAIKA Holdings members.

Eight years ago, 66,000 Indians in the country responded to Datuk Samy Vellu's call to invest in MAIKA HOLDINGS. Today, these 66,000 Indians, the majority of whom are MIC members and estate workers, are not only swindled of their investments as exposed in the \$120 million MAIKA Telecoms

shares hijacking scandal, but are assaulted if they dare to protest and complain.

I have this morning given notice to the Speaker of Dewan Rakyat, Tan Sri Mohamed Zahir Ismail, that I would be raising in Parliament today as a definite matter of urgent public importance, the MIC thuggery, gangsterism, violence and the assault of the MAIKA Holdings members in yesterday's picket peacefully protesting against the \$71 million MAIKA Telecoms shares hijacking scandal.

In my letter to the Speaker, I gave six reasons why I am raising the issue as a definite matter of public importance under Standing Order 18.

The six reasons are:

Firstly, to condemn the thuggery, gangsterism and violence unleashed by the MIC leadership against MAIKA Holdings members peaceful picketting to protest against the \$120 million MAIKA HOLDINGS Telecoms hijacking scandal, including the assault on a woman member of MAIKA Holdings, M. Pathmah, and the others such as A. Sivanesan, K. Panjamurthi, K. Krishnan, S. Phulup Perumal and Kalia-mah.

Secondly, the MIC leadership must be made to publicly apologise for its thuggery, gangsterism and violence yesterday, which was spearheaded by the MIC Selangor Assemblyman for Seri Cahaya, S. Sivalingam, and make compensation to the MAIKA members attacked by the gangsters;

Thirdly, assert the right of the 66,000 MAIKA Holdings members to peacefully protest against the \$120 million MAIKA HOLDINGS Telecoms shares hijacking scandal, and that the MIC leadership should not try to suppress the shares hijacking scandal by threatening to beat up all the 66,000

MAIKA shareholders for daring to protest against the scandal;

Fourthly, the completely unacceptable and intolerable political conduct of the MIC leadership to unleash thuggery, gangsterism and violence against MAIKA Holdings members peacefully picketting against the Telecoms shares hijacking scandal which has been further highlighted by the announcement made by the MAIKA Chairman, Tan Sri G. Pasamanickam, after the meeting of the MAIKA Board of Directors yesterday that MAIKA Holdings had never rejected 10 million Telecom shares offered to it by the Government;

Fifthly, the thuggery, gangsterism and violence unleashed by the MIC leadership must also be deplored as it is not only the MAIKA Holdings members peacefully picketting who were assaulted, but a plainclothes policeman was also assaulted in the melee; and

Sixthly, the need for a full public inquiry in the \$120 million MAIKA Holdings Telecoms shares hijacking scandal, as it is clear that the MIC leadership has a lot of things to hide when they are so desperate that they are prepared to unleash thuggery, gangsterism and violence against MAIKA members, including women.

Samy Vellu and MIC leaders should realise that thuggery, gangsterism and violence cannot stop the 66,000 MAIKA Holdings members from seeking justice and redress for the \$120 million Telecoms shares hijacking scandal

Datuk Samy Vellu and the MIC leaders should realise that thuggery, gangsterism and violence cannot stop the 66,000 MAIKA HOLDINGS members from seeking justice and redress for the \$120 million Telecoms shares hijacking scandal.

The statement yesterday by the MAIKA Chairmen after

the meeting of the MAIKA Board of Directors, Tan Sri G. Pasamanickam, that MAIKA Holdings had the \$50 million bank loan and had never rejected the 10 million Telecoms shares had kicked the ball back to Samy Vellu's feet.

✕ Tan Sri Pasamanickam's statement is very clear: the MAIKA Board has publicly admitted that the nine million Telecoms had been hijacked by some individuals against the interest of the MAIKA shareholders, and the fingers all point to only one person - Samy Vellu himself.

■ It is meaningless for Datuk Samy Vellu to claim on his return from overseas that he is prepared to co-operate with the Anti- Corruption Agency.

■ In the first place, Datuk Samy Vellu has no choice but to co-operate with the ACA in its investigations.

■ In the second place, however, the people wonder whether the ACA investigations is to provide a shield for Samy Vellu so that he could decline to give a full public explanation for the \$120 million Telecom shares hijacking scandal on the ground that the matter is being investigated by the ACA.

If nothing comes out of the ACA investigations, then public confidence in the ACA will collapse to the lowest ebb in its history.

I am not surprised that Datuk Samy Vellu has attacked me for exposing the \$120 million MAIKA Telecoms shares hijacking scandal, when he said: "The DAP has deprived the Indian community of getting other shares in future. Why don't they ask about how many shares are allocated to other parties?"

The DAP had never opposed the allocation of 10 million Telecoms shares to MAIKA Holdings for the Indian community. What the DAP cannot accept or tolerate is the 'hijack-

ing' of the nine million Telecom shares for a few individuals for their own personal interest while making use of the name of the Indian community.

If Datuk Samy Vellu has information that such 'hijacking' of millions of Telecoms shares, or Proton shares or TEN shares, also occur in the case of other political parties in the Barisan Nasional, I can give him my personal undertaking that I will publicly expose them without fear or favour, if he would furnish me with the facts and information.

I am prepared to promise Datuk Samy Vellu that I would protect the confidentiality of my source if he would send me these information, so that whatever I reveal about the 'hijacking' of millions of shares of privatised government companies would not be traced to him.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Cameron Highlands on Saturday, May 16, 1992:

Samy Vellu's explanation of the \$120 million Maika Telecoms shares hijacking scandal totally unconvincing as they are full of contradictions and have raised more questions

MIC President, Datuk Samy Vellu, promised a 'Tell All Press Conference' to fully explain the \$120 million nine million MAIKA Telecoms shares hijacking scandal, but his explanations yesterday are totally unconvincing as they are full of contradictions and have raised more questions.

As a result, his 'Tell All Press Conference' is nothing but another part of the 'cover-up' of the \$120 million MAIKA Telecoms shares hijacking scandal.

These are some of the contradictions and new questions which Samy Vellu had raised in his 'Tell All Press Conference'.

1. The Finance Minister, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and Deputy Minister, Ghani Othman, told Parliament that MAIKA Holdings was offered 10 million Telecoms shares, but MAIKA recommended that nine of the ten million shares be allocated to three companies, namely Advance Personal Computers, S.B. Management Sdn. Bhd. and Clearway Sdn. Bhd.

It is now very clear that from the official statement made by the MAIKA Chairman, Tan Sri G. Pasaman-

ickam, and from Samy Vellu's statement yesterday, both the Finance Minister and the Deputy Finance Minister had misled Parliament as MAIKA never recommended that the nine million Telecoms shares be allocated to the three companies.

2. It is very significant that Samy Vellu did not explain how the three companies, Advance Personal Computers, S.B. Management Sdn. Bhd and Clearway Sdn. Bhd. (the latter two being companies with \$2 paid-up and issued capital) came to be selected to be allocated nine million Telecoms shares.

If the transactions with the three companies are honest, honourable and above-board, why were their identities hidden not only from the knowledge of the public and MAIKA Board of Directors and shareholders, but even from the knowledge of MIC members and leadership until they were forced to be disclosed in Parliament under persistent probing by the DAP?

3. Until yesterday, Samy Vellu had always maintained that MAIKA did not take up the nine million Telecoms shares because MAIKA could not raise the financing. Yesterday, however, Samy Vellu came out with a new and completely different version. In the New Straits Times today, Samy Vellu was reported as saying that MAIKA was not given all the 10 million Telecoms shares not only because of its tight financial position but also because of its past dismal performance.

Samy Vellu said: "I could have given the shares to MAIKA Holdings if not for their past business records. They don't deserve 10 million shares because of the dismal performance of the MAIKA management."

Samy Vellu has therefore misled everyone on this

matter, including the Finance Minister and Deputy Finance Minister.

4. Samy Vellu said that the three companies, Advance Personal Computers Sdn. Bhd., S.B. Management Sdn. Bhd. and Clearway Sdn. Bhd., had promised that the entire nett proceeds out of the sale of the shares would be donated to TAFHE College and that the companies arranged their own loans from C.I.M.B. through Rashid Hussein Nominees Sdn. Bhd. with only the shares as collateral. However, the condition stipulated was that on listing, if the share price fell below \$7.50, the borrowers must top up the balance or the financier would sell the shares to recover the loan.

This raises a series of questions by itself:

- (i) Can Samy Vellu produce the documents entered into by Advance Personal Computers Sdn. Bhd., S.B. Management and Clearway Sdn. Bhd., to hold the nine million Telecoms shares in trust of the Taffe College.
- (ii) Can he produce the documents on the loan arrangements between the three companies and C.I.M.B. justifying the 'forced sale' of the three million Telecoms shares by Clearway Sdn. Bhd. on 7th November 1990 for \$17.8 million at \$5.95 per share and the sale of six million Telecom shares by APC/SB Management Sdn. Bhd. on 8th November 1990 for \$32.6 million?
- (iii) If there is such stipulation in the C.I.M.B. loan financing, why was it that APC/SB Management could withhold 500,000 Telecom shares from the 'forced sale'? Samy Vellu said that 420,000 Telecom shares were sold in March and April 1992 for \$4.7 million, while APC has still 80,000 Telecom shares

in hand.

- (iv) Why is Samy Vellu treating the APC and SB Management as if they are one company? If so, why wasn't six million shares given to one company, instead of having two companies getting three million shares each?
- (v) Isn't it true that one of the directors of both these two companies is a remisier with Rashid Hussein stock-broking firm? Isn't there a conflict of interest when Rashid Hussein Nominees made this financial arrangement?
- (vi) As the C.I.M.B.'s loan arrangements are so oppressive, requiring a 'forced sale' of the nine million Telecoms shares if the share price fell below \$7.50 per share on listing, why wasn't the Arab Malaysian Merchant Banking Bhd. (AMMBB)'s approval of \$50 million to MAIKA to take up the 10 million Telecoms shares without such a stipulation accepted instead? If the nine million Telecom shares had not been hijacked from MAIKA, and the AMMBB loan taken up, these nine million Telecom shares would be worth about \$120 million today - which is more than the total paid-up capital of MAIKA Holdings.
- (vii) Can Samy Vellu produce the records to show the buyers of the 8.92 million Telecoms shares from the three companies? Even though these shares were said to be sold on the open market, there should be no problem in producing records to show who were the buyers and whether the alleged sale were genuine.
- (viii) Can Samy Vellu produce financial statements and records to show that the proceeds from the various sales of the 8.92 million Telecom shares by the three companies were immediately donated to Taffe Col-

lege?

Is ACA a sword to fight corruption or a shield to protect corruption?

Samy Vellu should answer these eleven questions on the \$120 million MAIKA Telecom shares hijacking scandal, if he is not trying to carry out a massive cover-up of the scandal.

It is just not good enough for Samy Vellu to say that it is now up to the Anti-Corruption Agency (ACA) to carry out its investigations.

The questions now being asked by all Malaysians is whether the ACA is a sword to fight corruption or a shield to protect corruption and financial scandals.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Cameron Highlands on Sunday, 17th May 1992:

Rama Iyer's clarification has shown that Samy Vellu had not told the truth in his explanation of the \$120 million MAIKA Holdings Telecom shares hijacking scandal

The clarification of MAIKA Holdings director and managing director at the time of the \$120 million MAIKA Holdings Telecom shares hijacking scandal, Tan Sri Rama Iyer, yesterday has shown that the MIC President, Datuk Samy Vellu, had not told the truth in his explanation over the MAIKA shares hijacking scandal last Friday.

In his statement last Friday, Datuk Samy Vellu said:

"On 5.10.1990 Tan Sri Rama Iyer rang me up to say that he had received an offer (for Maika) dated 27.9.1990 from the Ministry of Finance for 10 million shares. I told him that I had already informed the Ministry of Finance that Maika Holdings was in a position to take up only one million shares. However, I told him that I would contact the Ministry of Finance to seek clarification. When I contacted the Finance Ministry, I was informed that it had revoked its earlier offer of 10 million shares to MAIKA Holdings and reallocated the said shares as follows:

- (a) MAIKA Holdings- 1 million
- (b) Advance Personal Computers- 3 million
- (c) S.B. Management Sdn. Bhd.- 3 million
- (d) Clearway Sdn. Bhd.- 3 million"

However, Tan Sri Rama Iyer has given a completely different sequence of events from that given by Samy Vellu.

Rama Iyer said in his statement yesterday that on October 4, 1990, Arab Malaysian Merchant Banking Bhd. (AMMBB), the principal underwriters for the Telekom Malaysia share issue, advised MAIKA to write to the Treasury officer, Munirah Abdullah Ng, on the special allocation of shares to the company.

Tan Sri Rama Iyer added that Munirah, when contacted by telephone, told him that MAIKA had been allotted 10 million shares and that she had with her a letter addressed to MAIKA to that effect.

Rama Iyer said that a senior MAIKA officer was sent immediately to the Treasury to collect the letter dated Sept. 27, 1990. He said that in view of the share offer, he wrote to the AMMBB managing director Datuk Malek Merican on October 4, 1990 to raise a loan of \$50 million to finance the share allocation in full.

Rama Iyer added that the then MAIKA Chairman, Tan Sri C. Selvarajah, concurred with the actions taken and directed him to inform the MIC President of the share offer and the efforts to obtain the necessary financing.

Rama Iyer said he telephoned Samy Vellu on Oct. 5 and told him about the offer and the probability of obtaining full loan financing and that Maika intended to take up the offer.

On Oct. 6, 1990 Maika received a letter (dated Oct. 5, 1990), from AMMBB offering \$50 million to finance the purchase of the 10 million shares. The MAIKA Board, which met on Oct. 8 to deliberate on Telekom Malaysia shares and the financing facility, then decided to apply for the 10 million shares from MAIKA.

Datuk Samy Vellu claimed that on Oct. 5, MAIKA Holdings and Tan Sri Rama Iyer had abandoned the offer of nine million Telecom shares, while Tan Sri Rama Iyer said that on Oct. 5, MAIKA was in a position to take up the nine million Telecom shares with the \$50 million financing from AM-MBB.

Who is telling the truth? I believe that the 66,000 MAIKA shareholders, the Indian community and the Malaysian public will believe Tan Sri Rama Iyer and disbelieve Samy Vellu.

Rama Iyer's statement has also raised the questions as to the real intentions of the three mysterious companies, two of which are shell companies with \$2 in paid up and issued capital; and why the \$50 million AMMBB loan was rejected in favour of the C.I.M.B. loan with the so-called stipulation requiring a 'forced sale' of the Telecom shares if it fell below \$7.50 a share on listing.

With the vast contradictions between the statements made by Samy Vellu on the one hand, and those made by the MAIKA Board and now by the managing director at the time of the share hijacking scandal, Samy Vellu should be prepared to face a public inquiry to explain why the 66,000 MAIKA Holdings shareholders had been hijacked of their nine million \$120 million Telecom shares.

I advise Samy Vellu not to try to turn the whole issue of the shares hijacking scandal involving public integrity and financial accountability into a communal issue. The use of communalism had always been the last resort of political scoundrels in Malaysia to justify their financial scandals.

I had been accused of trying to destroy Malay rights and unity when I raised scandals involving UMNO leaders. I was accused of trying to destroy the Chinese community and unity when I raised financial scandals involving MCA leaders. Now I am accused of wanting to cause disunity and destroy the

Indians because of my expose of the \$120 million MAIKA Telecom shares hijacking scandal.

It is most regrettable that the MCA leadership has decided to give full public support to Datuk Samy Vellu in the MAIKA Telecom shares hijacking scandal, even using their Deputy Speaker, Ong Tee Kiat, to help Samy Vellu to sabotage the DAP from making further disclosures of the scandal in Parliament last Thursday, by suspending me from the rest of the current Parliamentary meeting.

It is understandable that birds of the same feather flocks together.

The Malaysian people will be able to judge who is right and who is wrong.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Petaling Jaya on Friday, May 22, 1992:

Challenge to Samy Vellu to attend Sunday's meeting of MAIKA shareholders at Transport Workers' Union Hall

MIC President, Datuk Samy Vellu, is well-known for his instant reaction to allegations and challenges as he does not wait for 24 hours to respond.

It is therefore most significant that Samy Vellu has not responded to my challenge to him and his son, PAARI Vel Samy Vellu, to swear at the Mariamman Temple in Kuala Lumpur that PAARI had never been the managing director of Advance Personel Computer Sdn. Bhd., and that PAARI had never distributed calling cards describing himself as the APC managing director giving office addresses in Kuala Lumpur, London and Australia.

Samy Vellu should realise that his explanations last Friday purportedly to explain everything about the nine million \$120 million MAIKA Holdings Telecom shares hijacking scandal is wearing thinner and thinner with every passing day.

As a senior Minister of a government which professes public integrity and accountability, Samy Vellu cannot hide behind the Anti-Corruption Agency to claim that as the ACA is conducting investigations, he need not account to the MAIKA shareholders, the Indian community and the Malaysian public for his actions in the \$120 million MAIKA Telecoms shares hijacking scandal.

Samy Vellu should pay heed to the New Straits Times editorial last Saturday on 'Leading A Clean Life'

Samy Vellu should pay heed to the editorial of the New Straits Times last Saturday, May 16, 1992 on 'Leading A Clean Life' which said:

"Yes, the Government is constantly exhorting Malaysians to do well, to do better. Yes, there is a social premium on success and wealth. Yes, power attends the rich. But this does not mean Malaysians should succumb to temptation and greed, exploiting loopholes and the gullible or ignorant, in the process not only corrupting themselves and their accomplices but also making a cynical mockery of society and its systems.

"It is a sorry sight when national, political or community leaders are exposed as shabby cheats and crooks. Shabby even if they wear expensive clothes. Shabby because they strut and mouth pious platitudes and pomposities which ring hollow, as empty as the public till they have raided. They shout about serving the people, but give a whole different meaning to self-service. The details of cases of criminal breach of trust in recent years reveal company directors blithely approving loans and the transfer of funds to themselves and relatives, trusting to the fact that employees will be hesitant to question their authority. As if the assets and institutions entrusted to their care were all part of their own personal fiefdom."

Samy Vellu should therefore come forward to answer all the allegations that have been made against him with regard to his role in the \$120 million MAIKA Holdings Telecoms shares hijacking scandal.

I challenge Samy Vellu to attend the meeting of MAIKA Holdings shareholders at the Transport Workers Union Hall in Petaling Jaya on Sunday, 24th May 1992 at 11 a.m. to answer all the allegations that have been made against him in

connection with the MAIKA Telecoms shares hijacking scandal, as well as to answer new disclosures which I would be making at the meeting on Sunday.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjong, Lim Kit Siang, in Petaling Jaya on Saturday, May 23, 1992:

Kit Siang to seek meeting with Finance Minister, Anwar Ibrahim over the \$120 million MAIKA Telecoms shares hijacking scandal

I will seek a meeting with Finance Minister, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, over the \$120 million MAIKA Telecoms shares hijacking scandal.

This is because the Finance Ministry must explain why it withdrew the allocation of nine million Telecoms shares to MAIKA Holdings as it is now clearly established that nobody in the MAIKA Holdings, whether the Board of Directors or the top management, had rejected the allocation of nine million Telecoms shares or had indicated that MAIKA could not accept the nine million Telecoms shares as it had no loan financing.

In actual fact, it is now fully established that MAIKA Holdings had a full loan financing of \$50 million from Arab-Malaysian Merchant Banking Bhd. to take up the entire 10 million Telecoms shares allotment, and that no one from MAIKA Holdings had ever rejected the nine million Telecoms shares.

It is also now fully established that what the Finance Minister, Anwar Ibrahim, told Parliament about the reason for the withdrawal of the nine million Telecoms shares from MAIKA and their re-allocation to three mysterious companies are untrue.

Anwar Ibrahim owes Parliament and the people of Malaysia a full explanation as to how he could tell Parliament that MAIKA Holdings did not want to take up the nine million Telecoms shares and recommended their allocation to three companies, Advance Personal Computers Sdn. Bhd., S.B. Management Sdn. Bhd and Clearway Sdn. Bhd - the latter two being mere \$2 companies.

It is also now established that MAIKA never recommended the allocation of the nine million Telecoms shares to these three companies. In fact, the MAIKA Board and top management never knew of the existence of these three companies which hijacked the nine million Telecoms shares from MAIKA Holdings - apart from R. Selvendra, who was guilty of gross conflict of interest as he was a MAIKA director as well as a director of Advance Personal Computers Sdn. Bhd.

ACA should send representatives to the meeting of MAIKA Holdings shareholders tomorrow

I would advise MIC top leaders to stop trying to communalise the \$120 million MAIKA Telecoms shares hijacking scandal, which is strictly a question of financial probity and public accountability of political leaders.

The Anti-Corruption Agency should send representatives to the meeting of MAIKA shareholders at Transport Workers' Union Hall in Petaling Jaya tomorrow at 11 a.m. as further disclosures about the MAIKA Telecoms shares hijacking scandal will help ACA in its investigations, provided the ACA is a sword to fight corruption and not a shield to protect corruption by top political leaders.

Speech by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, at the meeting of MAIKA Holdings shareholders at Transport Workers' Union Hall, Petaling Jaya on Sunday, May 24, 1992 at 11 a.m.

Samy Vellu must produce all records and documents to prove that he did not 'cook up' figures and transactions in his 'Tell All Press Conference' on May 15 in order to deceive the MAIKA shareholders over the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal

Since I first raised the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal in Parliament in the debate on the Royal Address on April 29, 1992, many things have happened.

Firstly, a lot of lies and falsehoods had been made both inside and outside Parliament.

Parliament itself had been subverted and instead of being the highest forum in the country where the people's grievances could be ventilated, it has been used by the two-thirds Barisan Nasional majority to 'cover up' the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal to prevent further disclosures and exposes - and for the first time in my 23 years as a MP and 19 years as Parliamentary Opposition Leader, I had been suspended from the rest of the Parliamentary meeting.

If I am not allowed to speak up against the abuses of power, corruption, injustices and financial and political scandals, like the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal, I prefer to be outside Parliament than inside!

Those who think they could shut me up and feel safe from further exposes of their misdeeds by banning me from entering Parliament are however sorely mistaken and this is why I am here at this meeting of MAIKA shareholders this morning.

The MIC leadership had resorted to thuggery, gangsterism, violence and dacoitry to terrorise the 66,000 MAIKA shareholders, as in the physical assault and violence on the MAIKA shareholders who peacefully picketted outside MAIKA headquarters in Kuala Lumpur on May 13.

Led by the MIC Selangor Assemblyman for Seri Cahaya, S. Sivalingam, MIC goons and thugs even assaulted a woman MAIKA shareholder, M. Pathmah, as well as others such as K. Panjamurthi, K. Krishnan, S. Phulup Perumal, Kaliamah and A. Sivanesan.

In Thailand, Prime Minister Suchinda Kraprayoon will now have to resign and go into exile for directing the massacre of pro- democracy protestors.

But in Malaysia, MIC President, Datuk Samy Vellu, was not only completely unrepentant, he gave full endorsement in Parliament the next day to the violence and assault by the MIC goons and thugs.

Samy Vellu not only publicly gave full endorsement of the violence and physical assault by the MIC thugs and goons, who had earlier that day been at the Subang Airport to welcome him back from abroad, he even declared that he would have himself 'walloped' the MAIKA shareholders if he had been at the scene himself.

Is the police afraid to charge MIC Selangor Assemblyman, S. Sivalingam, for assault of MAIKA shareholders?

Ten days have passed since the public assault of the MAIKA shareholders by the MIC thugs and goons led by S.

Sivalingam, but the police have not taken any action to charge anyone of them.

Words have been spread that the police have been suborned and that no charges for instance would be preferred against MIC Selangor Assemblyman, S. Sivalingam, who personally assaulted K. Panjamurthi and Panjamurthi had lodged a police report naming him. At most, just for appearance sake, one person might be charged in court.

I want to ask the Inspector General of Police, Tan Sri Haniff Omar, whether the MIC thugs and goons are a law unto themselves in Malaysia that even the police are afraid of them - and that the MIC Selangor Assemblyman, S. Sivalingam, could publicly assault people without having to face the rigours of the law?

S. Sivalingam should not only be charged in court, he should be removed as Selangor State Assemblyman for his thuggery and gangsterism - bringing disgrace and dishonour to the Selangor Assembly. The DAP will move a motion in the Selangor State Assembly to expel S. Sivalingam for his thuggery and gangsterism.

The question uppermost in everybody's mind is whether the Anti-Corruption Agency has also been subverted. Although there have been reports of ACA investigations, including the five-hour questioning of Datuk Samy Vellu's son, PAARI VEL SAMY VELLU, the question remains: Is the ACA a sword to fight corruption or is it a shield to protect the corruption of the high and powerful.

Why hasn't ACA summoned Samy Vellu for questioning as he is the pivotal character in the scandal?

This question is increasingly more pertinent for up to now, the ACA has not called in for questioning the most pivotal character in the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijack-

ing scandal - Datuk Samy Vellu himself?

Is the ACA frightened and scared of Datuk Samy Vellu, just as the MIC circles are spreading that the Police are afraid of the MIC thugs and goons?

I had publicly invited the ACA to send representatives to this meeting for I will be making new disclosures which will help them in their investigations - provided the ACA is a sword to fight corruption and not a shield to protect the corruption of the high and powerful.

I will start with untruths and lies in Parliament about the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

On 6th May 1992, the Finance Minister, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, in his reply to my speech on the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal, said:

"Tuan Yang di-Pertua, perkara berikut yang dibangkitkan ialah mengenai saham STM. Saya ingin menjelaskan bahawa Kerajaan telah memutuskan untuk memperuntukkan sebanyak 10 juta saham Syarikat Telekom Malaysia kepada kaum India. Pada 29hb September, surat tawaran Kementerian Kewangan kepada MAIKA mengenai tawaran 10 juta saham telah dikeluarkan. Selepas itu, pihak pengurusan MAIKA telah memaklumkan kepada Kementerian Kewangan bahawa mereka tidak bersedia untuk mendapatkan peruntukan yang cukup besar bagi membeli kesemua saham tersebut. Pada 6hb Oktober 1990, Kementerian Kewangan telah membatalkan surat tersebut dan mengeluarkan surat kepada MAIKA dan 3 syarikat kepentingan orang-orang India. MAIKA mendapat satu juta dan tiga syarikat berkenaan mendapat tiga juta, jadi sembilan juta kesemuanya, setiap satu tiga juta..."

On 12th May 1992, the Deputy Finance Minister, Ghani Osman, gave this reply when I again pursued the issue:

10 "Tuan Yang di Pertua, saya merujuk kepada perkara yang dibangkitkan oleh Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Tanjong. Kerajaan telah menawarkan \$10 juta saham Telekom Malaysia Berhad kepada kaum India. Pada mulanya tawaran tersebut telah dibuat kepada MAIKA bagi keseluruhan 10 juta saham tersebut. Walau bagaimanapun, atas nasihat pihak MAIKA, disebabkan kedudukan kewangannya yang tidak kukuh, Kementerian Kewangan telah mengagihkan semula tawaran 10 juta saham tersebut kepada kaum India melalui MAIKA 1 juta, dan 3 juta saham bagi setiap tiga syarikat lain yang dicadangkan oleh MAIKA, iaitu S.B. Management Services Sendirian Berhad, Advanced Personal Computers Sdn. Bhd, dan Clearway Sdn. Bhd.

20 "Persoalan mengenai pemilikan tiga syarikat lain yang dicadangkan oleh MAIKA tersebut, Kementerian Kewangan menerimanya 'in good faith' dan tidak mempersoalkan status dan kedudukan ketiga-tiga syarikat berkenaan kerana persoalan pengagihan saham seterusnya kepada kaum India adalah terserah kepada budibicara dan tanggungjawab pihak-pihak berkenaan yang telah diperuntukkan saham-saham tersebut."

30 **Anwar Ibrahim and Ghani Othman should be referred to the Committee of Privileges to explain why they had told lies about the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal**

40 Anwar Ibrahim had told a lie in Parliament when he said that the nine million Telekom shares were withdrawn after the MAIKA management had informed the Ministry of Finance that it was not willing to take up the nine million shares.

50 Ghani Othman had also told a lie in Parliament when he said that the three companies which had hijacked the nine million Telekom shares were recommended by MAIKA itself.

60 It has now been clearly established that neither the MAIKA Board of Directors nor the MAIKA Management had ever

written to the Ministry of Finance to turn down the offer or recommended Advanced Personal Computers Sdn. Bhd. S.B. Management Sdn. Bhd. and Clearway Sdn. Bhd. for the re-allocation of the nine million shares.

They should both be referred to the Privileges Committee of the Dewan Rakyat to explain why they had told lies on the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

In the past few months until May 15, 1992, Samy Vellu has been able to claim that MAIKA did not want the nine million Telekom shares although the MAIKA Chairman, Tan Sri G. Pasamanikam had said that the MAIKA Board of Directors never rejected the nine million shares and were in fact able and willing to take up all the 10 million Telekom shares because of the full \$50 million loan facility from Arab-Malaysia Merchant Banking Bhd. (AMMBB).

This was because until May 15, 1992, Samy Vellu's entire story that MAIKA did not want the nine million Telekom shares hinged on his claim that the then MAIKA Managing Director, Tan Sri Rama Iyer, had told him (Samy Vellu) that MAIKA was in too tight a financial position to take up the nine million Telekom shares.

However, Tan Sri Rama Iyer had completely destroyed Samy Vellu's story when he issued a statement on May 16 denying that MAIKA had ever rejected the special allocation of nine million Telekom shares.

Tracing the sequence of events, Tan Sri Rama Iyer said that in his telephone call to Samy Vellu on Oct. 5, 1990 at 6.10 a.m., he told the MIC President "about the offer (of 10 million Telekom shares) and the probability of obtaining full loan financing and that MAIKA intended to take up the offer."

That Samy Vellu singly and solely deprived the 66,000 MAIKA shareholders of the nine million Telekom shares and

hijacked them to the three mysterious companies is now established beyond a shadow of doubt.

At this meeting, I want to call on Samy Vellu to produce records and documents to prove that he did not 'cook up' figures and transactions in his 'Tell All Press Conference' on May 15 in order to deceive the MAIKA shareholders about the \$120 million Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

Is Samy Vellu prepared to resign immediately as Cabinet Minister if letters bearing PAARI's signature as APC managing director on APC letterheads are produced?

In his 'Tell All Press Conference', Samy Vellu said that the three mysterious companies, two of which are \$2 companies - namely S.B. Management Sdn. Bhd. and Clearway Sdn. Bhd. - "do not belong to me or to my relatives and I do not have any interest in these companies."

Four days ago, I produced a calling card which described Samy Vellu's son, PAARI V. SAMYVELLU as the managing director of APC, giving his office addresses in Kuala Lumpur, London and Australia.

Samy Vellu denied that PAARI was managing director of APC, saying that I had been fooled and taken for a ride by his opponents in MIC and MAIKA who print fake calling cards for PAARI, and that these opponents also print fake letterheads, photographs and so on.

I had challenged Samy Vellu and PAARI to swear at Mariamman Temple in Kuala Lumpur that PAARI was never managing director and that PAARI never distributed the calling cards describing himself as APC managing director.

I am still waiting for a response from Samy Vellu and PAARI. I want to ask Samy Vellu whether he is prepared to resign immediately as Cabinet Minister if letters bearing

PAARI's signature as managing director of APC on APC letterheads are produced?

The London office of the PAARI's calling card as APC managing director is K.K. Marketing Ltd., 12 Whittington Road, Wood Green, London N22 4YD, England.

I want to ask Samy Vellu whether it is not correct that 'K.K.' stands for Kumar Kandasamy, whose son is Isphare Kumar, who is listed as a shareholder of APC in the Registry of Companies?

Isn't it true that K.K. Marketing had the franchise to sell the English-made PSION hand-held computer in Malaysia, and that this franchise was publicly launched by Samy Vellu in 1989?

Samy Vellu said that the three companies arranged their own loans from Commerce International Merchant Bankers (C.I.M.B.) through Rashid Hussein Nominees Sdn. Bhd with only the shares as collateral, with the stipulated condition that if the share price fell below \$7.50 on listing, the borrowers must top up the balance or the financier would sell the shares to recover the loan.

Telecom shares never went down to \$5.30 whether on Nov. 7 or 8 to cause Samy Vellu to 'panic' and justify the sale of 8.5 million Telekom shares

In his prepared statement, Samy Vellu said: "On the day of listing, STM shares were traded at \$6.00. Accordingly Rashid Hussein Nominees Sdn. Bhd. requested the companies to top up the balance or sell the shares. The global political situation, particularly the impending gulf crisis and the heavy holding costs made it imperative to sell the shares. Professional advice was sought and the general market situation was taken into consideration by these companies."

Samy Vellu elaborated on this at his press conference, and the New Straits Times of May 16, 1992 quoted him as saying: "The price went down and down from \$6.00 to \$5.30, so we were panicking. We consulted professional advice and decided to sell them off as otherwise, all three companies would go bankrupt."

This is untrue, as the Telekom shares never fell to \$5.30 a share whether on Nov. 7 and 8 to justify Samy Vellu to panic into selling the 8.5 million Telekom shares by the three companies.

I have the records of the business done on the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange on 7th and 8th November 1990 as reported by the New Straits Times.

For Nov. 7, 1990, the day of listing for Telekom, the price traded ranged from \$5.85 (all 80 lots transacted were married deals) to \$6.15, while on Nov. 8, 1990, the prices transacted ranged from \$5.90 to \$6.15.

Samy Vellu should therefore produce the dates, prices and volumes of the 5.5 million Telecom shares sold - and to whom - by APC/SB Management Sdn. Bhd. to justify his claim that "The price went down and down from \$6.00 to \$5.30, so we were panicking". Did Clearway panic on 7th Nov, even when the price had not gone down to \$5.30?

The figures given by Samy Vellu with regard to the sale of Telekom shares by Clearway, APC and SB Management are also open to challenge and dispute.

Firstly, his figures for Clearway Sdn. Bhd., which are as follows:

CLEARWAY SDN BHD

9.10.90 bought 3 million STM shares \$15,000,000

7.11.90 sold 3 million STM shares \$17,850,000 @ \$5.95

Less Expenses

Brokerage -	\$178,500.00
Stamps etc	\$ 17,852.00
Service fee	
1% \$150,000.00	
Splitting & Handling -	25.00
Interest -	185,619.27
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	531,996.27
Nett Profit	2,318,003.73

My comments on these figures are:

1. It is clear that the 3 million shares were not placed on the open market, but a married deal - i.e. the selling broker is also the buying broker. This is confirmed by the fact that there was no clearing fee of .05%.
2. The interest of \$185,619.27 works out to approximately 14.5% or perhaps even as high as 14.75%. This rate was extremely high for November 1990. I understand that for loans of share financing in 1990, interest rates were approximately 11.25% to 11.5%, as savings rates were down to 3.5% to 4% only and fixed deposit for six months was at 5% only.
3. I understand that the \$50 million loan facility offered by Arab Malaysian Merchant Banking Bhd. to MAIKA to take up the 10 million Telecom shares was at the interest rate of around 9 per cent.

What justification could there be to reject the \$50 million

AMMBB loan at 9 per cent while accepting CIMB loan at about 14.5%, with stipulation for 'forced sale' which did not apply in the case of AMMBB?

The second set of figures refer to APC and SB Management:

APC/SB MANAGEMENT SDN BHD

9.10.90 bought 6 mill. STM shares \$30,000,000.00
 8-15.11.90 sold 5.5 mill. STM shares \$32,637,000.00

Less Expenses

899,234.00

Profit 2,100,766.00

PLUS 500,000 STM shares

Bought 3 million Renong shares (part payment)
 1,951,656.00

Less expenses

Adm. charges 34,155.00

Splitting & other charges 14,955.00

 49,110.00

NETT PROFIT 100,000.00

500,000 STM shares

Mar/April 1992 sold 420,000

STM shares - nett profit 4,750,000.00

Balance of STM shares in hand = 80,000 (with APC)

Total Contribution (three companies) to	
Tafe College to date	7,168,003.73

My comments on this second set of figures are:

- (1) Again, it would appear that the sale of 5.5 million is not done on the open market, but a married deal.
- (2) As the 5.5 million Telekom were sold for \$32,697,000, I understand that the expenditures should be in the region of \$966,962 rather than the stated \$899,234, comprising:

Brokerage	326,970.00
1% Service Fee	275,000.00
Interest calculated at 14.5%	332,292.00
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- (3) Why didn't Samy Vellu give the full price for the purchase of the 3 million Renong shares? It is unthinkable that after over 18 months, APC/SB Management need not pay the full payment for the 3 million Renong shares.
- (4) What was the total cost of the 3 million Renong shares? At the Renong price at that time was about \$1.45, we could estimate it would have cost about \$4.4 million.
- (5) If in November 1990, the depressed local and global share market sentiments because of the Gulf War justified the disposal of the Telekom shares, what is the justification to buy Renong shares?
- (6) Samy Vellu said that the three companies had prom-

ised that the entire nett proceeds out of the sale of the nine million Telekom shares would be donated to Taffe College, the purchase of the Renong shares would be a violation of this agreement.

- (7) The statement that the nett profit of the sale of the 5.5 million Telekom shares in November 1990 is \$100,000 is incorrect, because it has not taken into account the Renong purchase.
- (8) The Renong share has fallen to 95 cents in the current stock exchange - which means that a loss of \$1.5 million has now been incurred.
- (9) Samy Vellu said that the three companies loan facility agreement with CIMB was that if Telekom fell below \$7.50 on listing, they have to top up the balance or the financier would sell the shares to recover the loan.

APC/SB Management held back 500,000 Telekom shares, 420,000 of which was sold in March/April 1992, and APC still have 80,000 Telekom shares. Why are there no figures to show the topping up by APC/SB Management.

- (10) In the figures given by Samy Vellu, no expenses were shown for the sale of the 420,000 Telekom shares in March/April 1992. Did APC/SB Management get free services from the brokerage firm to sell the 420,000 Telekom shares?
- (11) Samy Vellu treated APC/SB Management as virtually one company - and it is not clear whether the 420,000 Telekom shares were sold by APC or SB Management. This heightens the suspicion of hanky- panky in this whole sordid affair.

Finally, I want to refer to the last portion of the figures

given by Datuk Samy Vellu on the Tafe College Building Account.

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
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(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
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BALANCE CAPITAL
COST OUTSTANDING \$ 9,914,524.27

TOTAL PAYMENTS MADE \$15,690,808.00

There are numerous discrepancies in these last set of figures given by Samy Vellu in his 'Tell All Press Conference'.

1. He said that the total payments received as income by

Tafe College Building Account is \$15,468,003.73 which 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.

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.

It is clear from the mass of discrepancies, omissions and queries arising from Samy Vellu's 'Tell All Press Conference' that the more the MIC President explains, the greater the doubts about the veracity of his explanations.

MAIKA shareholders should demand the restitution of the nine million Telekom shares, now worth about \$120 million, or at least the \$70 million profit that would have accrued to

MAIKA if the nine million Telekom shares had not been hijacked by Samy Vellu.

Press Conference Statement by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, at DAP Hqrs in PJ on Monday, 25th May 1992 at 12 noon

DAP condemns the assault on the MIC Hqrs security guard Rajendran and the ransacking of the MAIKA office

DAP condemns the assault on the MIC Hqrs security guard Rajendran and the ransacking of the office of MAIKA Headquarters and the offices of Maika Commodities (M) Sdn. Bhd, Asian Industrial Marketing Sdn. Bhd, which is a subsidiary of Maika, the Selangor MIC Secretariat and Koperasi Nesa.

DAP calls on the Police to arrest and charge the five robbers. The police should have no problem in identifying and arresting these perpetrators as from the account of Rajendran, the five persons even spoke to him.

I regret the remarks made by the MIC President, Datuk Samy Vellu, at the airport this morning that the DAP could be behind the break-in.

In our 26-year history, DAP has a clean record and we have never been involved in any gangster or criminal activities - unlike some political parties which I am prepared to name if challenged.

MAIKA burglary could be a set-up job to distract attention from the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal

It is most regrettable that Samy Vellu suggests that the DAP may be involved in the break-in with the insinuation that I may want certain materials from the burglary.

Such suggestion is most unworthy of a Cabinet Minister and leader of a political party. There is nothing I need from the MIC or MAIKA offices - as I have enough information from Samy Vellu's own statements and those of MAIKA officials to expose the \$120 MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

If I want to follow the example of Samy Vellu to cast aspersions, I would say that the whole burglary and assault on Rajendran could have been a set-up job by certain MIC leaders who want to distract attention from the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

I could even give three more reasons to support such speculation. Firstly, that it was an attempt by certain people to destroy documents and evidence pertaining to the mismanagement of the funds of the 66,000 MAIKA Holdings shareholders.

Members of the public will know that some fires in government departments are started by certain government servants who want to destroy evidence.

Secondly, that the burglary at MAIKA office could be committed by the same group, or planned by the same people, as the attack on the weekly Thootan magazine at its Jalan Ipoh premises, as Thootan had given prominent coverage to the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal, even calling Samy Vellu a thief on its cover page headline in its last issue.

Thirdly, that there are MIC leaders who want to create an atmosphere of gangsterism and thuggery to frighten off MAIKA shareholders who want to seek justice and restitution for the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

This is a situation which the DAP does not want, for we do not want any gangster to be involved in the fight of the 66,000 MAIKA shareholders for redress and justice and I call

on the police to be on the alert on the activities of known gangsters to ensure that they are not allowed to perpetrate criminal activities in connection with the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

DAP had condemned in no uncertain terms the assault and violence by MIC gangsters and thugs, led by Selangor Assemblyman for Seri Cahaya, S. Sivalingam, which was publicly endorsed by Samy Vellu, against MAIKA shareholders, including a woman, who peacefully picketted outside MAIKA Headquarters on May 13. Having condemned such gangsterism and thuggism, DAP will never condone such activities by anyone.

Is Datuk Samy Vellu prepared to join the DAP to condemn both the assault on Rajendra yesterday as well as the assault on the MAIKA shareholders on May 13 and the attack on the Thootan office, and jointly press for the police to take firm action charge all the perpetrators, including Selangor Assemblyman S. Sivalingam?

Sivalingam is not fit to be an Assemblyman when he behaves like a gangster, leading an attack on unarmed MAIKA shareholders, including a woman. Would Samy Vellu sack Sivalingam from MIC?

Samy Vellu had lied when he said in his 'Tell All' press conference that 8.5 million Telekom shares were sold by the three companies in November 1990 because he panicked as Telekom price went down to \$5.30

I have today found that Samy Vellu had told another lie in his 'Tell All Press Conference' on May 15 to explain his role in the \$120 million Maika Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

According to the New Straits Times of 16th May 1992, Samy Vellu explained that Clearway Sdn. Bhd had to sell three million Telekom shares on November 7, 1990 and Advanced

Personal Computers and S.B. Management Sdn. Bhd. had to sell 5.5 million Telekom shares from Nov. 8 to 15, 1990 because of the depressed local and global shares market caused by the Gulf War. Samy Vellu said: "The price went down and down from \$6.00 to \$5.30, so we were panicking. We consulted professional advice and decided to sell them off as otherwise, all three companies would go bankrupt."

I have below the lowest and highest price for Telekom from November 7 to November 15, 1990 :

Date	Lowest Price	Highest Price
Nov. 7	5.85	6.15
Nov. 8	5.90	6.15
Nov. 9	5.90	6.05
Nov. 12	5.90	0.00
Nov. 13	5.90	6.00
Nov. 14	5.90	6.00
Nov. 15	5.95	6.10

When the three companies disposed of the 8.5 million Telekom shares by Nov. 15, Telekom never fell below \$5.85. How could Samy Vellu therefore claim on May 15 that "The price went down and down from \$6.00 to \$5.30"?

After once falling to \$5.85, on the day of listing on Nov. 7, Telekom had in fact being going up and up as revealed by the following for Telekom for the rest of November 1990:

Date	Lowest Price	Highest Price
Nov. 16	6.00	6.60
Nov. 19	6.15	6.60
Nov. 20	6.50	6.55
Nov. 21	6.45	6.55
Nov. 22	6.50	6.65
Nov. 23	6.60	6.90
Nov. 26	6.65	6.80
Nov. 27	6.75	6.80

Nov. 28	6.70	6.75
Nov. 29		6.75

In fact, from 13th December 1990, when Telekom first went over \$7 per share, with business transacted at \$7.20, it had not looked back.

Telekom never went down to \$5.30 to justify panic sale of the 8.5 million Telekom shares by the three companies, whether in November, December 1990 or in January/February 1991.

Call on Mahathir to remove Samy Vellu as Cabinet Minister for his lies and role in the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal

In fact, in January 1991, Telekom share reached \$7.50 and in February, it reached \$9.15.

Malaysia must be the only country in the world where Cabinet Ministers can openly tell lies, both inside and outside Parliament, and can still get away with it.

Malaysia cannot expect to command great respect from the international community if the Prime Minister and Cabinet Ministers have no respect for truth, honesty and morality.

The time has come for the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, to recognise that he cannot stay aloof from MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

I call on Dr. Mahathir to remove Samy Vellu as Cabinet Minister for his lies, both inside and outside Parliament and his role in the MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal.

Every day that Samy Vellu remains a Cabinet Minister is an additional day of the Barisan Nasional government condoning the gross criminal breach of trust by Samy Vellu in

hijacking the nine million \$120 million Telekom shares which rightly belongs to the 66,000 MAIKA shareholders.

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Speech by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in the debate on the Motion of Thanks for the Royal Address in the Dewan Rakyat on 28th and 29th April 1992

DAP calls for a Royal Commission of Inquiry into the \$405 million Bank Pertanian Malaysia Scandal and the many irregularities and malpractices, including dishonest doctoring of statement of accounts

The Yang di-Pertuan Agong, in his Royal Address, said that Vision 2020, introduced by the government in 1991, had been widely accepted by the people.

The Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, has himself admitted that Vision 2020 is impossible unless there is "fully moral and ethical society, whose citizens are strong in religious and spiritual values and imbued with the highest of ethical standards".

In his speech at the Third Bumiputra Economic Congress in January, Dr. Mahathir said that business and industry require good ethics and conceded that there were businessmen who became rich through cheating. He mentioned international examples like Robert Maxwell, Charles Keating Jr., Ivan Boesky and Michael Milken.

What is significant is not the American and British examples by Dr. Mahathir, but his omission of an even greater criminal rogue than those he had named. Dr. Mahathir had omitted to mention a person who had been described as "ranks as one of the great criminal minds of his time" and who put the international examples he mentioned into the shade - the Pakistani banker, Agha Hasan Abedi, the founder of Bank of

Credit and Commerce International (BCCI).

When the BCCI collapsed last year, it brought disaster for more than one million depositors in 62 countries throughout the world. Agha Hasan Abadi was accused of perpetrating 'the biggest fraud in the history of world finance'. Out of BCCI's US\$20 billion or more in assets last year, less than US\$2 billion is recoverable as most of the money had disappeared in outright theft, uncollectible loans, bribes and losses in trading.

The omission of Agha Hasan Abedi and BCCI from Dr. Mahathir's international rogues' gallery is as conspicuous and startling as not to mention Malaysia when referring to the nations which are the top world producers of natural rubber.

It raises the fundamental question whether the Barisan Nasional Government has double standards even on questions of ethics, fraud and corruption.

During the debate on the Fifth Malaysia Plan on 10th July last year, I spoke of the ten scandals ushering in the National Development Policy 1991-2000. One of the ten scandals was what I called the \$260 million Bank Pertanian Malaysia Scandal.

In his reply denying that there is a Bank Pertanian Scandal, the Minister of Agriculture, Datuk Sanusi Junid said in the Dewan Rakyat on 19th July 1991:

"Walaupun ianya (BPM) ditubuhkan lebih 20 tahun dahulu tetapi hanya akhir-akhir ini atas arahan saya pihak bank telah membuat peruntukan yang realistik bagi pinjaman ragu dan lapuk. Itulah sebabnya bagi tahun lepas untuk selama 20 tahun bank telah memperuntukkan \$570 juta untuk hutang lapuk dan ragu bagi jangka masa lebih 20 tahun itu. Ini bererti purata sekitar \$28 juta setahun."

What Datuk Sanusi was telling the House was that he had greater foresight and financial sense than the previous Ministers of Agriculture like Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim in giving instructions for the making of realistic provision for bad and doubtful loans.

When Datuk Sanusi spoke in the House on 19th July 1991, the 1988 and 1989 Reports of Bank Pertanian Malaysia had not been submitted to the House, which were tabled only in the last few days of the Parliamentary meeting in December last year.

The impression Datuk Sanusi wanted to create was that he had to direct the making of provision for bad and doubtful loans to the tune of \$570 million to cover its entire 20-year operation, averaging it out to a 'modest' \$28 million a year. This is a most preposterous claim.

In actual fact, Bank Pertanian Malaysia had been making provision for bad and doubtful loans since 1973, when it provided for \$449,211, and for the 1980s, its provision for bad and doubtful loans were:

Bank Pertanian Malaysia

	<u>Peruntukan hutang ragu dan lapuk tahunan</u>	<u>Peruntukan hutang ragu dan lapuk terkumpul</u>
1981	\$ 3.0 million	\$ 5.0 million
1982	\$ 5.4 million	\$ 10.5 million
1983	\$ 10.6 million	\$ 21.0 million
1984	\$ 15.0 million	\$ 34.0 million
1985	\$ 22.5 million	\$ 55.6 million
1986	\$ 24.0 million	\$ 79.5 million
1987	\$ 43.0 million	\$ 123.0 million
1988	\$ 100.2 million	\$ 220.0 million
1989	\$ 258.9 million	\$ 469.0 million
1990	\$ 88.8 million	\$ 558.2 million

In the three years from 1988 to 1990, Bank Pertanian Malaysia had made the colossal provision of \$448 million for bad and doubtful loans, and Datuk Sanusi said that this is not a scandal at all!

According to the 1988 and 1989 Bank Pertanian annual reports tabled in Parliament in the last few days of the December meeting, Bank Pertanian suffered \$46.4 million losses in 1988 and another \$258.96 million losses in 1989 - making a total of \$305 million losses for these two years. In 1990, Bank Pertanian chalked up another loss of \$100 million - making a total of \$405 million losses from 1988 - 1990.

Up to now, however, both the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Agriculture had failed to account to the people the cause for the \$405 million Bank Pertanian Scandal, or to respond to the many caustic comments and criticisms made by the Auditor-General, Tan Sri Ishak bin Tadin, on the 1988 and 1989 Bank Pertanian accounts. This is April 1992 but the Bank Pertanian's 1990 Report has not been tabled in Parliament. Where is the much-vaunted efficiency and competence of the new management of Bank Pertanian?

In his comment on the 1989 Report dated 29th April 1991, Tan Sri Ishak Tadin said:

"Pada 31 Disember 1989, kedudukan kewangan Bank ini menunjukkan kekurangan modal sebanyak \$149,224,623. Pihak Bank sedang berunding dengan pihak Kementerian Pertanian, Kementerian Kewangan dan Bank Negara Malaysia untuk mendapatkan tambahan sokongan kewangan.

"Sekiranya rundingan tersebut gagal untuk mendapatkan sokongan tambahan kewangan yang berterusan dan yang cukup untuk memenuhi komitmen semasa Bank, ianya akan menghadapi masalah besar bagi meneruskan operasinya."

The Business Times of 22nd March 1991 under the heading

"\$400m loan for Bank Pertanian" reported:

"Bank Negara has agreed in principle to provide more than \$400 million in soft loans to Bank Pertanian Malaysia (BPM) to meet its growth requirements. The loan will also help ensure that BPM has enough funds to help mobilise its fledgling machinery.

"Its general manager, Encik Ibrahim Hashim, said BPM, having fully utilised its resources, is now short of funds and badly in need of the loan. To further aggravate the situation, it is also facing a huge bad debt problem.

"He said Bank Negara has agreed to meet the requirements as soon as possible on condition that BPM be placed under the central bank's indirect supervision.

"Encik Ibrahim said: 'Right now everything is in line for BPM's supervision by Bank Negara but it will not be done directly.'

"In July last year (i.e. 1990), the bank's chairman, Datuk Abu Bakar Rautin, said BPM had some \$986 million in loan balances and another \$400 million in outstanding loans. Loan balances are those that have not been collected while outstanding loans are those that have passed their due repayment date.

"'BPM's funds are drying up and if new funds are not injected fast enough, BPM is sure to collapse in the near future,' he told Business Times in a telephone interview in Kuala Lumpur yesterday."

Further on, the Business Times report quoted Encik Ibrahim as saying: "I need time to help restructure BPM and to ensure that its operations run smoothly in meeting the objective of turning it into viably operational bank. It may take two or three years to turn the bank around and enable it to survive without the subsidy from the Treasury.

Ibrahim Hashim must be awarded the World's Miracle Banker

"But even after that, the Treasury will continue to play its role in the management of funds for farmers".

Encik Ibrahim could not be dreaming about Bank Negara's \$400 million loan to bail out BPM on the condition that it be placed under the indirect supervision of Bank Negara, because Ibrahim was the manager in charge of the banks inspection department of Bank Negara before he was seconded to be the general manager of BPM, and he should know what he was talking.

As of 22nd July, 1991, BPM had not received the \$400 million injection from Bank Negara, for the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture, Mohamad Shariff Omar, told Dewan Rakyat during question time that BPM had asked for a \$400 million loan to expand its operations and allow it to compete with other commercial banks.

Shariff said that this was necessary as the bank did not have a licence to be active in the money market between banks and that the BPM obtained its main source of finance from Bank Negara or from the Finance Ministry.

However, a miracle in Malaysian banking had already taken place when Shariff was telling the Dewan Rakyat that BPM was still waiting for the \$400 million loan from Bank Negara.

For although Ibrahim Hashim said in March 1991 that Bank Pertanian Malaysia would collapse without the immediate injection of \$400 million by Bank Negara, and that it would take two to three years to turn the bank around, Ibrahim Hashim had performed the miraculous feat of immediately turning the bank around even without the need for the \$400

million injection from Bank Negara in a matter of three months and to the tune of \$12 million profit.

This miracle was announced by Minister for Agriculture, Datuk Seri Sanusi Junid, on 29th July 1991 and this was reported by New Straits Times the next day as follows:

"Bank Pertanian Malaysia, which is changing its image as a bank for farmers only to an enterprising bank, returned to the black with a \$11.8 million profit for the six months ended June 30, 1991 after 10 years of losses.

"Agriculture Minister, Datuk Seri Sanusi Junid, said yesterday that with its large deposit base, Bank Pertanian would be one of the largest banks in Malaysia if it obtained commercial bank status."

Ibrahim Hashim deserve to be awarded the Miracle Banker of the World. How did Ibrahim Hashim perform this miracle?

Isn't it true that this miraculous turnaround of Bank Pertanian was the result of dishonest accounting practices?

DAP calls for a Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Bank Pertanian Scandal, how it lost \$405 million in 1988, 1989 and 1990, and how on the verge of financial collapse in March 1991, it could suddenly turn the Bank around within three months with a profit of \$12 million for the first six months, without the \$400 million injection or a single cent from Bank Negara.

Firstly, isn't it true that from Bank Pertanian Malaysia's own Statement of Accounts in the first six months of 1991, Bank Pertanian Malaysia made a loss of \$11,335,860 as at 30.6.1991?

Secondly, isn't it also true that the Board of Directors, at its meeting of July 24, 1991, was made to approve an

untruthful Statement of Accounts of the bank for the first six months which showed that the Bank made a profit of \$11,787,237?

From these two different sets of Statement of Accounts, Bank Pertanian Malaysia was miraculously transmuted from a loss position of \$11.3 million on 30.6.1991 to a profit position of \$11.8 million on the same date - a miraculous difference of \$23.1 million - just by the simple expedient of the doctoring of the accounts!

Thirdly, isn't it true that a third set of Statement of Accounts for the first six months of 1991 for Bank Pertanian had to be prepared adjusting the profit for the period to \$11,877,566 when it was found that the Second Set of Statements approved by the Board was false and untruthful because the figures were mere assumptions and at least five items could not be substantiated by any documents nor do the figures appear in the general ledger or other books of accounts, namely:

- (i) Government Grant - Administrative Expenses;
- (ii) Government Grant - Capital Expenditure;
- (iii) Provisions for bad and doubtful debts;
- (iv) Interest in suspense; and
- (v) Cash in hand and in Bank.

A Royal Commission of Inquiry must investigate into the scandal of the three separate sets of accounts in BPM for the first six months, which enabled the BNP management to perform a banking miracle to turn a bank around from the verge of collapse without immediate injection of \$400 million Bank Negara to a profit position of \$12 million in a matter of three months.

I have no doubt that all three sets of Statement of Accounts would be presented to the Royal Commission of Inquiry if it is established so that it could delve into the doctoring of

accounts in the Bank Pertanian Malaysia.

Why did Bank Pertanian Malaysia allow SHAMELIN to owe \$30 million without collateral or proper repayment agreement, and failed to take action to recover this sum?

Sanusi has justified the huge provisions for bad and doubtful loans on the ground that the BPM has to take high risks as it is giving credit to the poor small farmers.

Is this true. Isn't it true that the BPM had given huge loans to companies which have political connections without proper collateral or even proper agreements for repayments, and that legal action to take recover these loans had been stopped because of high-level political influence?

In this connection, I want to ask why BPM had failed to take action to recover huge loans given to Kumpulan Shamelin, which I understand should stand in the region of \$30 million by now. Is it true that high-level political influence - even up to Ministerial level - is behind the grant of the loans, which were made without collateral or proper repayment agreements, as well as for stopping legal action by BPM to recover the loans from SHAMELIN.

Only a Royal Commission of Inquiry can inquire into all the ramifications of the \$405 million Bank Pertanian Malaysian scandal and expose its political root-causes.

On 18th January 1992, I wrote to the Chairman of Bank Pertanian Malaysia, Datuk Haji Mohd. Abu Bakar bin Rautin Ibrahim, requesting a meeting with the Board of Directors or the top management of the bank on the \$410 million BPM scandal and the scandal of the three sets of Statements of Accounts.

In my letter, I stated the following three reasons why I was asking for a meeting with the Board of Directors or the top

management of BPM:

Firstly, the matters concerned issues of grave and urgent public importance, especially as it involved \$410 million;

Secondly, this request for a meeting was made in the spirit of one of the resolutions adopted by the recent Third Bumi-putra Economic Congress which called for the "review of the performance and role of government agencies and to increase accountability".

Thirdly, the statement by the Minister of Agriculture, Datuk Seri Sanusi Junid, in Watan of 19th January 1992 that Bank Pertanian "mempunyai jawapan dan asas yang kukuh" dan beliau "menyerah kepada Bank Pertanian untuk menjawab segala persoalan berhubung dengan kerugian yang ditanggung oleh bank itu."

Datuk Sanusi told Watan: "Bank Pertanian ada jawapan semua perkara yang ditimbulkan oleh akhbar Watan dan adalah kurang jelas jika Kementerian Pertanian yang menjawab perkara itu."

However, both Bank Pertanian Board of Directors and its top management refused to give the explanations which Datuk Sanusi Junid said they possessed.

Instead I received a reply from the Chairman of the BPM Board of Directors, Dato Mohd. Abu Bakar Rautin Ibrahim, dated 28th February 1992, which reads:

"Per: Permintaan untuk perjumpaan dengan Lembaga Pengarah atau pihak pengurusan tertinggi

Dengan segala hormatnya saya merujuk kepada surat tuan yang bertarikh 18hb Januari, 1992 mengenai perkara diatas.

Sukacita saya maklumkan kepada Y.B. bahawa Ahli

Lembaga Pengarah Bank mahupun pihan Pengurusan Bank tidak dapat memenuhi permintaan Y.B. buat masa ini.

Walau bagaimanapun, pihak kami mengucapkan terima kasih terhadap minat dan perhatian Y.B. terhadap apa jua isu yang melibatkan Bank Pertanian Malaysia.

Sekian, terima kasih."

Why did Sanusi tell the untruth that Bank Pertanian had been making losses for the past 10 years when it only started making losses in the three years from 1988 to 1990

Here, I wish to challenge the speech by Datuk Sanusi Junid at the launching of BPM's Patriot Savings scheme on 29th July 1991, when he announced that the Bank had "returned to the black with a \$11.8 million profit for the first six months ended June 30, 1991 after 10 years of losses."

This claim was repeated by the BPM general manager, Ibrahim Hashim, in METRO daily on the 11th December 1991.

This claim is untrue, as pointed out by the Chairman of the BPM Board of Directors, Datuk Abu Bakar Rautin Ibrahim, in his press conference which was reported in the Star of 15th April 1992. BPM had in fact been recording profits all along except for 1988, 1989 and 1990:

Bank Pertanian Malaysia

Pre-tax Profit/(loss)

1985	\$ 1.9 million
1986	\$ 35.0 million
1987	\$ 20.0million
1988	(\$ 46.0million)
1989	(\$ 258.9 million)

1990	(\$ 92.0 million)
1991	\$ 18.1 million (turnaround)

It is clear that misrepresentation of facts and figures by the Minister and the General Manager is nothing new for BPM, as in the case of the three sets of Statements of Accounts for BPM for the six months period ending 30th June, 1991.

I understand that there had also been doctoring and manipulation with the Statement of Accounts for the whole of 1991 because the General Manager had predetermined the profit figure for 1991 when he told METRO on December 11, 1991 that BPM would make about \$20 million profit in 1991.

The figure that was manipulated around so as to show an 'acceptable' profit level was on the item bad and doubtful debts (Hutang Lapuk dan Ragu). This figure was adjusted from \$8,683,631 (for the profit & loss statement showing the profit of \$13,469,180) to only \$2,727,461 to show a profit of \$18,014,163.

Datuk Abu Bakar admitted as much when he said that BPM was advised 'by our auditors' against making a \$8 million provision. How could the BPM's auditors, Cooper & Lybrand, have made this advice when as far as I know, they had not audited the 1991 accounts as yet?

Commission of Inquiry should also inquire as to why Ibrahim Hashim was allowed to buy a \$180,000 BMW 525i(A) when this was well beyond his entitlement

Ibrahim Hashim was seconded from Bank Negara to Bank Pertanian Malaysia to both bail and straighten it out, especially as the World Bank recommended that BPM must come under the supervision of Bank Negara with regard to its commercial banking operations.

A World Bank study had found that BPM, which started with its operational focus on helping small farmers, had deviated from its original charter and large commercial loans had become more important with its largest source of income coming from money-market placements.

What is shocking is that its commercial banking operations have been conducted completely without supervision by the Bank Negara. BPM comes under the Minister of Agriculture who however exercises no direct control of BPM for its commercial lending and banking functions.

Instead of straightening out Bank Pertanian Malaysia, it would appear that Ibrahim Hashim needs to be straightened out himself.

When Ibrahim Hashim was appointed BPM General Manager on 16th July 1990 in replacement of Haji Abu Bakar Yusof, one of his first decisions was to order a new car for himself. Under the BPM budget for 1990, the General Manager was entitled to a \$120,000 vehicle and the car recommended in the BPM budget was Volvo 740 GLE.

Without any application or approval from the Board of Directors, Ibrahim Hashim ordered himself a \$180,000 BMW 525i(A).

If Ibrahim Hashim had bought a Volvo 740 GLE, in accordance with Pekeliling Kontrek Pusat Perbendaharaan Bil. 5 Tahun 1990 dated 26th January 1990, the price after tax would have been \$91,188.39.

According to the Pekeliling Kontrek Perbendaharaan, all government statutory bodies which want to purchase new cars must get the prior approval of Bahagian Pengurusan Kontrek Bekalan, Kementerian Kewangan. This Treasury circular was disregarded by Ibrahim Hashim.

The Royal Commission of Inquiry should therefore inquire into why Ibrahim Hashim was allowed to buy a \$180,000 BMW 525i(A) in July 1990, which was well beyond his entitlement, and why he was not stopped by either the Minister of Agriculture or Minister of Finance.

The Royal Commission of Inquiry should investigate into all aspects of abuses of power, criminal breaches of trust and extravagance in Bank Pertanian Malaysia, which had suffered \$405 million losses in three years from 1988 to 1990.

In this connection, I ask the Minister of Agriculture to explain whether it is true that a top managerial officer at BPM headquarters had been charged in court with theft for removing timber from the cultural village (rumah-rumah bangsawan negeri-negeri) of BPM at Bukit Ceraka, and that the timber was found in the dusun in Ulu Langat of another top BPM officer, and why the BPM officer had not been interdicted while awaiting trial in October.

Commission of Inquiry should investigate into the misuse of \$68 million disbursed under the Special Credit Scheme and whether it took place during the time of Anwar Ibrahim or Sanusi as Minister

The Royal Commission of Inquiry should also inquire into the misuse of \$68 million disbursed under the Special Credit Scheme for Agriculture (SPKP) and whether it took place during the time Anwar Ibrahim or Sanusi Junid was the Minister for Agriculture.

The Fifth Malaysia Plan originally allocated \$250 million for the SPKP but this was subsequently revised downwards to \$115 million, and under the Sixth Malaysia Plan \$60 million had been allocated for the scheme.

According to the BPM Chairman in the Business Times of 28th December 1991, as at October 1991, BPM approved

\$99.99 million to 7,709 borrowers under the scheme, of which \$68.1 million had been disbursed.

However, this was all before the Treasury had frozen funds for the SPKP special scheme for two years, i.e. 1990 and 1991, which offers soft loans to farmers with a 4 per cent interest per year.

The two-year freeze was only made public in December 1991 when the Chairman of the Farmers' Organisation Authority, Tan Sri Mustaffa Jabar, asked for an explanation from the Ministry of Finance why low-interest SPKP loans for farmers were frozen for two years.

Tan Sri Mustaffa Jabar said the freeze had affected about 500,000 farmers nation-wide who faced difficulties completing or starting their projects. He also accused the Treasury of terminating the loan scheme without any explanation or notice.

What is even more shocking is that the Chairman of the BPM, Datuk Abu Bakar Rautin, said in the *Business Times* of 28th December 1991 that the Bank was never informed, officially or unofficially, of the Treasury's freeze on funds for the SPKP until they read of the statement by the Finance Minister, Anwar Ibrahim, in the press a week earlier.

If the Ministry of Finance and the BPM do not even communicate with each other at all, Dr. Mahathir has clearly failed in his attempts since 1981 to overhaul the government bureaucracy and machinery.

This is a most shocking and scandalous way of operating a soft-loan scheme to provide concessional loans to farmers. It reflects very badly on the efficiency, competence, sense of responsibility and the commitment to help the poor farmers to improve their incomes, standard of living and quality of life on the part of all the three government agencies con-

cerned, namely the Bank Pertanian Malaysia, the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Finance.

In his statement which appeared in the *Business Times* on 19th December 1991, the Finance Minister, Anwar Ibrahim, made it clear that the Treasury had frozen the funds for the SPKP because Bank Pertanian Malaysia had not complied with the procedures for channelling the loans - which is a very polite way of saying that there had been mismanagement and misuse of the SPKP funds and that the money was not going to the poor farmers.

What is most noteworthy is the response from the Agriculture Minister in the *New Straits Times* of 27th December 1991, where he admitted that "frauds had occurred in the course of the Bank's 20-year history but its problems had been overcome since a new and competent managing director was appointed. Any incidence of fraud in Bank Pertanian occurred before my time and right now I am satisfied with the bank's management."

In the *Business Times* of the same day, Datuk Sanusi said: "As far as I know, there was no misuse of funds at the bank and if it happened, it was not during my time."

Everybody knew what Datuk Sanusi was suggesting - that if there was fraud and mismanagement of the \$68 million SPPK funds, it was not during his time as Agriculture Minister but that of his predecessor, who happened to be Anwar Ibrahim!

This is another reason why a Royal Commission of Inquiry must be set up into the BPM - to find out who must be responsible for the \$68 million SPPK funds scandal.

Are the Malaysian press heading the direction where they are 'free' to print lies but not free to publish the truth?

The Yang di-Pertuan Agong, in his Royal Address, said that the mass media should be aware of its responsibility to society and play a positive role in safeguarding harmony and unity among the people.

The problem in Malaysia today is not that there is a free press, but because we have an 'unfree' press, because of the Barisan Nasional control, manipulation and censorship of the mass media, especially the electronic media of radio and television.

Competition among MCA Ministers and leaders as to who could be the No. 1 Liar in country

In recent months, the moral and political standards of political debate in the country have fallen to a new low when certain Barisan Nasional parties, particularly the MCA and Gerakan, resorted to campaigns of lies and falsehoods which are unthinkingly and repeatedly published in certain mass media - to the extent that there seemed to be a competition among top MCA leaders as to who could be the No. One Liar in the country

For instance, early this month, the MCA Deputy Education Minister, Dr. Fong Chan Onn, told two lies against the DAP in two paragraphs published by the Star of 7th April 1992, when he alleged firstly, that the Kelantan State Government had implemented hukum hudud and secondly, that I had given a public undertaking before the last general elections that PAS would not implement anything detrimental to the Chinese should it come to power.

I must be the stupidest person to give any public assurance on behalf of PAS, especially as the DAP and PAS had no working relationship whether before or after the general elections, or for any other political party or person for that matter.

However, the MCA Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, Wong See Wah, did even better one week later when he told two lies in one paragraph again in a Star report, namely that at my meeting with the Kelantan Mentri Besar, Nik Aziz, I had stressed that the DAP would not oppose hukum hudud being imposed on the Chinese; and secondly, that I supported hukum hudud penalties of limbs-amputation, whipping and stoning for the Chinese and non-Muslims in the country.

These are only the most recent lies of the MCA leaders. For the latter part of last year, the MCA Ministers and leaders like the MCA Minister for Housing and Local Government, Dr. Ting Chew Peh, had been spreading the lies that the Chinese in Kelantan had been victimised, oppressed and persecuted by the Kelantan State Government by over 70 Islamisation measures. All these lies were given extensive coverage by Star, which on 30th January, reported the statement by Dr. Ting Chew Peh that the Chinese cannot drink beer in public in Kelantan.

Incidentally, when I publicly offered to fly Ting Chew Peh and the other MCA Ministers to Kelantan to 'drink beer publicly' at my personal expense, none of them dared to accept.

It was precisely that the MCA Ministers and leaders, with the full support of their Gerakan counterparts, were becoming the country's leading rumour-mongers, that DAP leaders visited Kelantan at the end of January to ascertain the truth or otherwise of these MCA and Gerakan allegations of the infringement of the rights of the Chinese and non-Muslims in Kelantan, and in particular the MCA and Gerakan allegations that the Chinese and non-Muslims in Kelantan

- (i) cannot eat or sell pork;
- (ii) cannot drink beer publicly but must 'hide and stealthily drink';

- (iii) cannot buy or sell liquor;
- (iv) must stop business during Muslim prayers;
- (v) cannot go to unisex saloons;
- (vi) Chinese women must cover their heads and wear Islamic attire;
- (vii) women cannot work night shift; and
- (viii) Chinese signboards must be taken down and replaced with Jawi characters.

During our visit to Kelantan from 26th to 28th January, 1992, where DAP leaders met the Kelantan Mentri Besar, Nik Aziz, and State Exco members, and had dialogues with the Chinese community in various parts of Kelantan, we found as of that date that the MCA and Gerakan allegations were downright lies.

The fact that DAP leaders, unlike MCA and Gerakan leaders, were prepared to visit Kelantan to ascertain as to whether the veracity or otherwise of the MCA and Gerakan allegations about the infringement of the rights and interests of non-Muslim Malaysians in Kelantan and to take up these matters with the Kelantan Mentri Besar shows that the DAP is consistent in our political commitment that no Islamic law or Islamisation measure should infringe the rights and interests of non-Muslim Malaysians.

The MCA and Gerakan mills of lies and falsehoods were silent for two months until PAS leaders started talking about hukum hudud and the Johore Bahru announcement by Mahathir that the Federal Government would amend the Federal Constitution to allow the imposition of hukum on non-Muslim Malaysians.

The question I want to ask is what journalistic standards and ethics are being followed by certain mass media in the country which are prepared to continue to give prominent coverage to the lies being told by MCA and Gerakan Ministers, while refusing to give space to the truth.

Are the Malaysian Press heading in the direction where they are only 'free' to print lies but not free to publish the truth?

Call on Mahathir to explain whether he had received pledges that all MCA, Gerakan, MIC and SUPP Ministers and MPs will vote to support the amendment of the Federal Constitution to allow the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians

When the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, presented his Vision 2020 in February last year of Malaysia becoming a fully developed country and the nine central strategic challenges that must be overcome in order to achieve this Vision, he stressed that Malaysia must "establish a matured liberal and tolerant society in which Malaysians of all colours and creeds are free to practise and profess their customs, cultures and religious beliefs and yet feeling that they belong to one nation."

It is most unfortunate that 14 months later, on April 16, 1992, Mahathir made an announcement in Johore Bahru about a new Federal Government Policy which will not only ensure that the country fails to face up to this strategic challenge, but also the certain failure of Vision 2020.

Let there be no mistake on the part of anyone that if the non-Muslim Malaysians are subjected to the hukum hudud and Islamic law penalties of limbs-amputation, whipping and stoning, Malaysia can say goodbye to the Vision 2020 of becoming a fully developed country.

Investors, both local and international, will shy away from Malaysia, and instead of becoming the fifth Little Dragon, Malaysia will fall far behind in the league of nations.

Dr. Mahathir announced a new Federal Government policy in Johore Bahru on April 16 not to oppose or prevent the

imposition of hukum hudud and even to amend the Federal Constitution to allow PAS to impose hukum hudud to amputate limbs, whip and stone non-Muslim Malaysians in Kelantan.

What is good for UMNO's political interest is not necessarily good for the nation

Dr. Mahathir may think that his Johore Bahru announcement was a brilliant political tactical move against PAS, but what is good for UMNO is not necessary good for the nation.

Just as it was a most brilliant political move for UMNO in the last few days of the 1990 general elections to panic and stampede the Malays to vote for UMNO on the ground that the Semangat 46 leader, Tengku Razaleigh, had betrayed the Malays and sold out Islam on the spurious propaganda of his wearing a cross during his visit to Sabah, such tactics did enormous damage to the nation-building process in a multi-racial, multi-religious and mutli-cultural society and will take decades to undo.

Is Dr. Mahathir again prepared to mortgage the future of Malaysia just to score points against PAS?

If so, then Dr. Mahathir is not the statesman who can guide the country towards Vision 2020 but a mere politician who is prepared to sacrifice Vision 2020 for petty political advantages.

When Dr. Mahathir said in Johore Bahru that the new Federal Government policy was to amend the Federal Constitution to allow PAS to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, he was declaring that the MCA, Gerakan, MIC and SUPP Ministers and MPs have given him the pledges and commitment to help furnish, together with UMNO and PAS, the minimum two-thirds parliamentary support of 120 MPs

for the Constitution to be amended.

If he had not received such pledges of support from the MCA, Gerakan, MIC and SUPP Ministers in Cabinet, how could he unilaterally declare a new Federal Government policy in Johore Bahru?

Without MCA, Gerakan, MIC and SUPP support, UMNO and PAS cannot amend the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians

If the MCA, Gerakan, MIC and SUPP Ministers and MPs had not given their pledges to support such an amendment to the Federal Constitution, then Dr. Mahathir was misleading the people and nation.

This is because without the support of the MCA, Gerakan, MIC and SUPP Ministers and MPs to amend the Federal Constitution to allow the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, there is no way for such amendment to get the requisite two-thirds majority in Parliament.

UMNO's 79 and PAS' seven MPs are a far cry from the two-thirds parliamentary majority of 120 MPs needed to remove the secular clause and guarantee of the Federal Constitution to allow the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

I want to ask Dr. Mahathir point-blank whether he had received pledges from all MCA, Gerakan, MIC and SUPP Ministers and MPs that they will vote with UMNO and PAS to furnish the requisite two-thirds majority to amend the Federal Constitution to allow the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

Or he is so sure that even without consulting the MCA, Gerakan, MIC and SUPP leaders beforehand, he could coerce them to support such a Federal Constitutional amendment?

DAP calls on MCA, Gerakan, MIC and SUPP to officially declare their stand in Parliament whether they would support or oppose any Federal Constitution amendment to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians

It is most unfortunate of course that immediately after Dr. Mahathir's Johore Bahru announcement of the new Federal Government Policy, the MCA President, Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik and the Gerakan President, Datuk Dr. Lim Keng Yaik, competed to support the Prime Minister's announcement. Liong Sik even announced Dr. Mahathir's Johore Bahru announcement as the marks of a 'moderate leader'!

I call on the MCA, Gerakan, MIC and SUPP to declare officially and clearly in Parliament during this debate on the Royal Address whether they will support or oppose any Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, whether in Kelantan or other parts of the country, by the removal of the constitutional barrier to the establishment of a theocratic state.

If the MCA, Gerakan, MIC and SUPP declare their official stand that they will not support any Constitutional amendment to remove the secular guarantee of the Federal Constitution so as to allow the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, then it will not only bring an end to the nationwide concern and controversy over the amputation of limbs, whipping and stoning of non-Muslim Malaysians in accordance with hukum hudud, but demonstrate that Dr. Mahathir's Johore Bahru announcement was not a new Barisan Nasional Federal Government Policy.

If the MCA, Gerakan, MIC and SUPP are not prepared to declare their official stand in Parliament, then they have committed the greatest political betrayal in history.

It is no use of minor or secondary MCA and Gerakan

leaders like Ting Chew Peh, Lee Kim Sai or Chan Choon Tak claiming that they would oppose any such amendment to the Federal Constitution when the MCA President, Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik, and the Gerakan President, Datuk Dr. Lim Keng Yaik, had publicly supported the new Federal Government Policy as announced by Dr. Mahathir in Johore Bahru.

Here, I want to urge PAS to respect the constitutional rights and religious sensitivities of non-Muslim Malaysians to declare that they would not seek to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

The DAP had been consistent since its formation 26 years ago, and which we reiterated in our visit to Kelantan and meeting with the Kelantan Mentri Besar, Nik Aziz Nik Mat, that while the DAP fully respects Islam, we cannot compromise in our basic belief and principle that no Islamic laws should be imposed on non-Muslim Malaysians.

I will also like to remind the PAS leaders that every time they remind the non-Muslim Malaysians not to fear hukum hudud, they are not allaying any anxieties but igniting greater alarm and fear.

This is one of the fundamental realities of a multi-racial, multi-lingual, multi-religious and multi-cultural society like Malaysia which all political parties must accept and respect, if Malaysia is to move towards greater national unity, cohesion and progress.

Removal of the secular basis of the Constitution will touch on the position of the Rulers and will therefore require not only two-thirds majority, but also the consent of the Conference of Rulers

The Constitution has been framed in such a fashion that a fundamental provision like the secular basis of the nation cannot be changed unless it gets the support from all races

and religions in the country.

This is why I had said that PAS cannot on its own amend the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, and that such a Federal Constitution amendment cannot pass if all Chinese or non-Malays or non-Muslims refuse to support by providing the two-thirds majority necessary for its adoption.

In fact, I would even argue that the removal of the secular basis of the Constitution will touch on the position of the Rulers and will require not only two-thirds majority support in Parliament, but also the consent of the Conference of Rulers.

I would advise MCA, Gerakan, MIC and SUPP leaders not to treat the constitutional guarantee of a secular Malaysia lightly by using it as a political game or bargaining chip.

It is completely acceptable for the Barisan Nasional leaders to say that the people need not worry about any amendment to the Constitution to allow PAS to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians in Kelantan, as the other states under Barisan Nasional government would not impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

This is asking Malaysians to give up their constitutional right and guarantee, which is the most formidable barrier against the establishment of an Islamic State and imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslims, for a verbal agreement from a political party which has no legal force or effect whatsoever.

DAP opposes and condemns any effort from any quarter to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians

Once the people allow the constitutional right and guarantee to be removed, it will affect not only this generation but

all future generations.

This is a most uneven bargain and it is preposterous that political leaders in Government could seriously make such a proposition to the people.

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.

Are the MCA, Gerakan, MIC and SUPP equally prepared to forthrightly declare that they will oppose and condemn any effort to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians in Kelantan, even if the suggestion comes from Dr. Mahathir to enable UMNO to score political points against PAS?

Keng Yaik was dishonest when he said that Sarawak would attain sustainability six years before the ITTO's target by 1993

The Yang di Pertuan Agong also referred to the government's campaign to counteract the anti-tropical wood campaign.

Malaysia must admit that its logging policy and destruction of the tropical rainforest is the government's most vulnerable issue in international conservation and environment circles.

The Primary Industries Minister, Datuk Dr. Lim Keng Yaik, has said that he would be leading a mission overseas to counter the anti-Malaysia tropical hardwoods campaign.

■ The Malaysian authorities should regard it as equally important to convince Malaysians on the logging controversy.

■ While Malaysia is right and must remind the Western nations of their guilt and responsibility for the destruction of their forests, this does not give Malaysia the right to carry out indiscriminate logging and destroy our tropical rainforest.

■ The use of Internal Security Act and Emergency Ordinance against environmentalists, conservationists and activists for indigenous land and cultural rights by detaining them indefinitely without trial, the condemnation of these activists as 'traitors' by Federal and State Government leaders while the mass media is manipulated and censored to black out their case and concerns, are not only serious violation of human rights in Malaysia, but are also an admission that the Government does not have a credible and strong logging policy to stand up to a full debate in the country.

■ The Malaysian Government has been guilty of considerable misinformation and disinformation about the entire forestry issue in Malaysia, as well as imposing a mass media black-out in Malaysia against a full and free debate about the logging issue in the country.

■ For instance, when launching the 21st World Forestry Day celebrations at the Bukit Nanas Forest Reserve on Sunday, Keng Yaik said that Malaysia would be able to meet the International Tropical Timber Organisation's (ITTO's) sustainability target earlier than 2000.

■ Keng Yaik even said: "Sarawak has gone out of its way by agreeing to a reduction of its annual cutting rate in its Permanent Forest Estate which will enable it to attain sustainability by the end of 1993 - six years before the ITTO's target."

■ From these statements, Malaysians get the impression that

the government's logging policy is even more progressive than its worst critics.

In actual fact, all these are untruths and misrepresentations. For instance, ITTO did not recommend sustainability targets for logging in Sarawak for the year 2000, and the Sarawak Government was not meeting the ITTO's targets in 1993 - six years ahead of the target.

Malaysia's rate of logging is well beyond the sustainable yield which can be maintained. What the ITTO recommended for Sarawak was that it should reduce its log production to 9.2 million cubic metres a year from 1990 onwards and not until 2000 to maintain sustainable yield, or Sarawak will run out of timber in 11 years. What would remain would only be the cutover forests and there would then ensue a sharp decline in yield, employment, and revenue until the cutover forests mature.

However, since 1982, Sarawak had consistently logged over 10 million cubic metres a year, reaching 18.2 million cubic metres in 1989, and 15 million cubic metres in 1990. Under the Sixth Malaysia Plan, Sarawak will still be producing 16 million cubic metres in 1995, five years after the ITTO had recommended that Sarawak should be producing less than 9.2 million cubic metres.

It was therefore most dishonest and untruthful on the part of Keng Yaik to claim that Sarawak would achieve the ITTO's target of sustainability 'six years earlier' than 2,000, when the Sarawak government would have disregarded the ITTO's sustainability target for six years since its initial recommendation!

Even in Peninsular Malaysia, under the Fifth Malaysia Plan, five states exceeded their logging quotas under the National Forestry Policy from 30 per cent to 300 per cent, which did not speak well for the watchdog role of the Ministry

of Primary Industries as guardian of the National Forest Policy.

DAP calls for Royal Commission of Inquiry into all aspects of environmental, socio-economic and developmental aspects of logging in Malaysia

The Government is very proud of claiming that Malaysia has one of the best forest management systems, but the excessive logging as well as illegal logging makes a complete mockery of the National Forestry Policy objective of ensuring sustainability of the production forest reserves.

In 1988 and 1989, the number of illegal logging cases in Peninsular Malaysia rose from 164 to 302. What about the undetected illegal logging cases?

Recently, there is growing local concern at the massive irreversible destruction of forest reserves in the vicinity of highly populated areas, such as the alarming pace the lush greenery of Bukit Kiara in Kuala Lumpur is being replaced by elite resorts and golf clubs covering hundreds of acres.

Why didn't Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur turn Bukit Kiara, which is so centrally-located and accessible to the inhabitants of Kuala Lumpur, into a recreational forest park for the enjoyment of all citizens?

Development is also central to the whole question of the logging controversy, in particular the question, development for whom?

For this reason, DAP calls for the establishment of another Royal Commission of Inquiry, this time into the environmental, socio-economic and development aspects of logging in Malaysia to answer both local and international concerns about the irreversible destruction of biological diversity in Malaysia's tropical rainforests, its effects on climatic change,

the destruction to the livelihood, land and cultural rights of the tribal peoples, the injustices and corruption of the timber concession system resulting in the creation of a handful of very wealthy political elites and their allies while the masses remain in great poverty.

If Malaysia boycotts the Earth Summit, will Mahathir next propose that Malaysia pull out of the United Nations as well?

After he opened the Kuala Lumpur Second Ministerial Conference of Developing Countries on Environment and Development on Monday, Dr. Mahathir said that the government would decide after the Ministerial Conference whether Malaysia should boycott the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in June based on whether the West is committed to ensuring its success.

Dr. Mahathir first talked about Malaysia boycotting the Earth Summit last August because of international criticism of Malaysia's logging policies.

If Malaysia boycotts the Earth Summit, will Mahathir next propose that Malaysia pull out of the United Nations, on the ground that the United Nations is weak and ineffective and the stooge of the West, and turn its back against the world and withdraw into its own shell?

The United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in Brazil is the world's last chance this century for governments to address the environmental threats which have become global in scope and devastating in scale, like depletion of the ozone layer, the warming of the Earth, climatic changes and loss of biological diversity and the serious causes of environmental degradation, particularly the ever-increasing inequality between the North and South in the world and between the rich and poor within nations.

Just because Malaysia would be criticised in the Rio Conference is no reason for our boycott, for on this ground, no international conferences would ever be held at all and the United Nations would never be founded.

We must also be realistic of our important but modest role and contribution in international affairs. Our absence from the Brazil Summit will not be missed at all by the West. On the other hand, our presence in Rio will help the developing countries in the mission to pressure the industrialised nations to accept the 'Who Pollutes Should Pay Most' principle and bear responsibility for the bulk of the costs for cleaning up the earth's environment.

All heads of governments of the South should decide to attend the Earth Summit and challenge their counterparts of the North, including George Bush, to do likewise

What the Kuala Lumpur Ministerial Conference of Development Countries on Environment and Development should decide is that the heads of governments of all developing countries will attend the Earth Summit to show the concern and seriousness of the South, and challenge the heads of governments of all developed countries, in particular President George Bush of the United States, to reciprocate this concern and seriousness by having a full hundred per cent attendance of all heads of governments of the North and South in the Rio conference.

The UNCED Secretariat has estimated that the South countries will need US\$125 billion annually to implement the Agenda 21 action programmes, while the UNCED Secretary-General, Maurice Strong, has indicated that some US \$10 to \$15 billion might be forthcoming as an initial kickoff figure.

The developing countries should unite as one to demand that the industrialised nations like United States, Japan and the European Community, who are responsible for 80 per cent

of the 'greenhouse gases' responsible for climatic changes, should commit an initial kickoff contribution of US\$10 - 20 billion each to provide the necessary fund to save the earth's environment for humanity.

DAP gives full support to the Prime Minister's call for greater equality and democracy in the North-South relations, but would like to remind Dr. Mahathir of the following last paragraph in the 1990 Report of the South Commission, headed by Julius Nyerere, entitled "The Challenge of the South":

"In the final analysis, the South's plea for justice, equity and democracy in the global society cannot be dissociated from its pursuit of these goals within its own societies. Commitment to democratic values, respect for fundamental rights - particularly the right to dissent - fair treatment for minorities, concern for the poor and underprivileged, probity in public life, willingness to settle disputes without recourse to war - all these cannot but influence world opinion and increase the South's chances of securing a new world order."

In this spirit of the South Commission Report, I call on the Prime Minister to give a categorical assurance that none of the repressive laws in the country, such as the Internal Security Act, the Emergency Ordinance, the Police Act, the Printing Presses and Publications Act, would be used against environmentalists, conservationists and activists for the cultural and land rights of the tribal peoples in Sarawak.

Call on Wong See Wah to explain why he supported the Bukit Nanas national toxic waste treatment and disposal facility in Negri Sembilan State Exco without consulting the views of the 100,000 people affected

The Government must at all times be democratic, accessible and transparent in decisions which will affect the environment, health, welfare and livelihood of the people.

In this connection, the MCA Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, Wong See Wah, the Negri Sembilan State Government and the Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment should take a serious view of the fears and concerns of the 100,000 people in the Rasa parliamentary constituency who are worried and opposed to the siting of the first national toxic waste treatment and disposal facility in their midst.

The Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment has awarded the multi-billion ringgit contract to develop and operate the country's first national toxic waste treatment and disposal facility to a Danish firm, I. Kruger Engineering and the ubiquitous UMNO-connected corporate arm, United Engineers Malaysia, which short-listed 14 sites and have now finally picked on Bukit Nanas, or more correctly, Tanah Merah Site C in Negri Sembilan.

Land for the 70-hectare site for the central toxic waste treatment and disposal facility had been frozen since early last year, and the people in the vicinity which covers about 20 kampongs, new villages and estates are very worried about the long-term effects to both their livelihood and health as a result of the construction of the facility, which will house the toxic waste from all over the country.

The pig-rearing industry in nearly Bukit Pelanduk and Jimah is one of the biggest in the country, having about 600,000 pigs and exporting 20,000 pigs to Singapore every month. This industry can be seriously hit by the construction of the facility.

The people in the area are also worried about the pollution to water, air, plants, vegetation, livestock and to human beings.

Although the MP for the area is none other than the Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, Wong See Wah,

he had refused to use his strategic position in the Prime Minister's Department to help his constituents by getting all available data and information for the Bukit Nanas Residents' Anti-toxic Waste Centre Committee.

In fact, Wong See Wah should explain why he voted in support of the Bukit Nanas National Toxic Waste Centre when he was in the Negri Sembilan State Exco before the 1990 general elections without consulting the 100,000 people who would be affected by the decision.

DAP calls on all relevant government authorities to ensure that the environment, health and livelihood of 100,000 people in Bukit Nanas are not sacrificed to the United Engineers Malaysia because of its connections to UMNO.

The four great failures of Dr. Ting Chew Peh as Housing Minister

The MCA Ministers and Deputy Ministers would be doing the people a greater service if they spend more time to make a success of their Ministerial responsibilities instead of orchestrating propaganda campaigns of lies and falsehoods.

The MCA Minister for Housing, Dr. Ting Chew Peh, for instance should look seriously into his four great failures as Housing Minister, which are as follows:

Firstly, the great failure of the Housing Ministry's Special Low Cost Housing Programme (SLCHP) which was to build 328,391 low-cost houses priced below \$25,000 from 1986-1989. Although the programme was extended for another three years till June this year, so far only 34 per cent or 112,677 units had been completed, leaving a backlog of 215,712 units.

Secondly, the Housing Ministry is heading towards a third failure of the SLCHP despite its being extended for another

three years till 1995 at the end of the Sixth Malaysia Plan, turning a three-year crash low-cost housing programme into a nine-year slow-motion low-cost housing failure. There is no guarantee that the over a million people, who come from the low-income groups of all races, who had waited to be housed in the SLCHP since 1986 would get a roof over their head at the end of the third extension of the SLCHP in 1995.

Thirdly, the Housing Minister is not aware that the Bank Negara's new lending guidelines for banks and finance companies to provide \$6 billion financing for purchase of houses costing \$100,000 and below is of absolutely no help to the SLCHP which are priced below \$25,000.

I am still waiting for a response from both the Minister of Housing and the Minister of Finance that a directive should be issued to banks and finance companies to provide another \$6 billion to ensure the success of the SLCHP by 1995.

Fourthly, Ting Chew Peh had been the strongest advocate for the repeal of the Rent Control Act, but he has done absolutely nothing to start a massive rehousing programme to provide alternative accommodation to the 500,000 people who will be made homeless when the 39,000 pre-war houses are decontrolled with the repeal of the Rent Control Act.

Shouldn't the MCA leaders, former leaders and patrons who had been responsible for \$1.5 billion co-operative finance scandal raise the \$20 million from among themselves for the Tunku Abdul Rahman College as a repentance of their wrongs to the Chinese community?

The MCA President and Transport Minister, Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik, is often guilty of neglecting his Ministerial duties to indulge in negative MCA politics.

Recently, he suddenly found courage to challenge DAP thrice in two weeks to set up its own college like MCA's

Tunku Abdul Rahman College.

When I asked him two preliminary questions before responding to his challenge, Liong Sik has again retreated into silence.

My two preliminary questions are: As MCA is challenging the DAP to set up a college, why is it the MCA dare not challenge UMNO as a political party to set up a private college?

Secondly, as MCA's target is to collect \$20 million from the Chinese community for Tunku Abdul Rahman College, why is it UMNO does not have to collect \$20 million from the Malay community for such a private college?

Today, I want to ask the MCA a third preliminary question: As the MCA leaders, former MCA leaders and patrons were responsible for the \$1.5 billion co-operative finance scandal, causing untold hardships to 600,000 depositors and millions of people, shouldn't these MCA leaders, former MCA leaders and patrons raise the \$20 million from among themselves as a token of the repentance of the wrongs they had done to the Chinese community?

Everybody knows that these MCA leaders, former MCA leaders and patrons are very well-off, whether they are bankrupt legally or not, for people had remarked to me that bankrupts in Malaysia are a very special class, for they not only fly to all destinations of the world, but they fly first class!

I will wait for Liong Sik to answer these three preliminary questions when he returns from Mauritius and South Africa.

Who is responsible for the loss of \$60 million to the Indian community from the nine million STM shares not taken up by MAIKA

A hot issue in the Indian community is why they have lost \$60 million from the failure of MAIKA Holdings to take up nine million STM shares offered to the MIC investment arm last September.

On 27th Sept. 1990, the Finance Ministry offered a special allocation of 10 million shares of Telecoms Malaysia shares to the Maika Holdings Bhd at \$5 each.

This is a special allocation and a special offer and the the MAIKA Holdings acted with extraordinary speed not to accept the offer but to reject nine of the ten million shares offered within 24 hours.

What is extraordinary is that the MAIKA Holdings Board of Directors never met, and apparently from the press statement from one of the Board members, D.P. Vijandran, the Board was never informed about the special shares offer before the MAIKA Managing Director, Tan Sri Rama Iyer, acted to reject the offer for nine million shares.

The Telecom shares were traded at \$11.60 at the close of yesterday's (27.4.92) market, which means that if MAIKA Holdings had taken up the nine million shares at \$5 each, MAIKA Holdings would have made \$59.4 million.

Conversely, having turned down the offer, MAIKA Holdings and the Indian community had lost \$60 million. Who is responsible for this \$60 million loss of MAIKA Holdings and the Indian community?

The Indian community believe that some individuals had hijacked the nine million shares offered to MAIKA Holdings and profited by \$60 million at the expense of the Indian community

The Indian community believes that the nine million Telecom shares had been hijacked by some individuals and had

made the \$60 million profit at the expense of MAIKA Holdings and the Indian community, making it into a full-scale \$60 million MAIKA Holdings Telecoms shares scandal.

It is not surprising that suspicion that there had been gross breach of trust and irresponsibility in this case is so strong and widespread not only in the Indian community but among the Malaysian public because the circumstances surrounding the rejection of the nine million Telekom shares show that the MAIKA Holdings managing director, Tan Sri Rama Iyer and the MIC President, Datuk Samy Vellu, had not acted in an open, honest, above-board, transparent and responsible manner.

The questions that cry out for answer include:

1. Why wasn't the MAIKA Board of Directors informed and consulted before the special offer of nine million Telecoms shares were rejected;
2. What is the reason for the extraordinary speed of MAIKA managing director and the MIC President rejecting the nine million Telecoms shares within 24 hours of its offer?
3. Why wasn't the special offer of 10 million Telecom shares made public, and the MAIKA Holdings members given a chance to take up the special offer if MAIKA Holdings does not have the finances?
4. What were the banks and financial institutions which were approached by the MAIKA managing director to raise the necessary funding to take up the special offer of 10 million Telecom shares at \$5 per share, and which rejected any funding? How many meetings with banks and financial institutions could Tan Sri Rama Ayer arrange in 24 hours for him to be able to decide that MAIKA Holdings has no capability to raise

the necessary funding? Why didn't Tan Sri Rama Ayer approach more banks and financial institutions before rejecting the offer from the Finance Ministry?

Datuk Samy Vellu and Tan Sri Rama Iyer should know that the members of the MAIKA Holdings and the Indian community hold them responsible for the \$60 million loss from the failure of MAIKA Holdings to take up the nine million Telecom shares, and questions have been raised about their integrity and accountability.

In the interest of public integrity and accountability, as well as in the interests of the Indian community, Datuk Samy Vellu and Tan Sri Rama Iyer should agree to the establishment of an independent board of inquiry into the \$60 million MAIKA Telecoms shares scandal.

DAP calls on government to establish parity for all police grades and ranks with their counterparts in the armed forces and civilian services

The Yang di Pertuan Agong expressed his appreciation for the contributions of the security forces.

DAP calls on the government to establish the principle of parity for all police grades and ranks with their counterparts in the armed forces and civilian services.

The Police of all ranks have reason to feel unappreciated and not getting a fair deal under the New Remuneration System or Sistem Saraan Baru (SSB), as they are not given parity with the armed forces and the civilian services.

A Police Commissioner who is on the equivalent status as a Lieutenant General and Superscale B should not be getting less entertainment and housing allowances under the SSB.

The same injustice applies to the Deputy Police Commis-

sioner, who gets less entertainment and housing allowances than his counterparts in the other services, like the Major General and Superscale C.

There is also the complaint that although the ASP and the Penguasa Kastam have the same entry requirements of Bachelor's degree, a Penguasa Kastam's salary ceiling is \$3008 while the ASP's salary ceiling is \$2,550. The sense of injustice is heightened when account is taken of the fact that under the Customs Act, a police officer is also regarded as a customs officer with similar powers for commensurate ranks, but never vice versa as customs officers are never regarded as police officers under the Police Act.

Hence the general police complaint about the SSB: "Kerja orang kita buat, kita buat pula kerja kita sendiri, orang yang kita tolong dapat gaji lebih dari kita."

The Police Inspector also gets less in remuneration under the SSB when compared to his counterpart, Penolong Penguasa Kastam, although both have the same entry qualifications of either STP or Diploma

Similar complaints permeate throughout the entire police ranks down to the levels of sub-inspector, sergeant, corporal and ordinary police constable.

For instance, the sergeant, who is the work-horse in the police force, or in the words of the police 'orang yang paling terok berkerja, segala apa juga undang-undang meletakkan tanggung-jawab kepada Sarjan untuk memikul', not only cannot compare in terms of remuneration with the Ketua Kerani but also loses out to the Kerani!

DAP calls for the removal of the legitimate sense of discontent in the police forces, which has undermined police morale, by establishing the principle of parity of the police grades with the armed forces and civilian services.

True Malaysian patriots will not compromise and subordinate their loyalty to the country to their loyalty to political parties or leaders

The Dewan Rakyat has the misfortune to hear one of the most rabid and mindless speeches proposing the Motion of Thanks for the Royal Address.

The MP for Kota Setar, Wan Hanafiah Wan Mat Saman, indulged in all the pet-hates of UMNO leaders of the day, whether in bashing the Rulers, Bar Council, lawyers, environmentalists, trade union leaders and the Opposition, breathing fire and brimstone, demanding widespread use of the Internal Security Act, deprivation of citizenship and prolonged imprisonments.

Wan Hanafiah became so hysterical and unreasoning that he even suggested that the people in the urban areas are disloyal while only the rural people are loyal.

Let me ask Hanafiah what is his definition of 'loyalty'. If by 'loyalty' he means loyalty to Dr. Mahathir and the Barisan Nasional, then let me plead guilty of such 'disloyalty' and let me add that the overwhelming majority of the people in the urban areas and substantial numbers of the rural people also do not owe loyalty or allegiance to the Barisan Nasional - except UMNO leaders like the MP for Kota Setar and political parasites like the leaders and MPs in MCA and Gerakan.

But if by loyalty he means loyalty to the nation, then my loyalty, the loyalty of DAP leaders and MPs, the Bar Council, lawyers, environmentalists, trade unionists and the people in urban areas cannot and must not be doubted, for my and their loyalty to Malaysia is second to none - including Wan Hanafiah.

It is because of my supreme loyalty to Malaysia that I was prepared to lose my personal liberty twice to be detained under

the Internal Security Act, to fight for the ideals of democracy, freedom, justice, a clean and honest government and national unity. And because of my supreme loyalty to Malaysia, I am prepared to be detained again for a third time under the ISA by the Barisan Nasional government, for I am not prepared to compromise my loyalty to the country by supporting all the undemocratic, unjust and unfair policies of the Barisan Nasional government.

If we want to doubt loyalty, it is the loyalty of people like the Wan Hanafiah who are prepared to subordinate their loyalty to the nation to their loyalty to the party leaders in UMNO.

True Malaysian patriots will not compromise or subordinate their loyalty to the country to their loyalty to political parties or political leaders.

Let no one therefore continue to threaten the Opposition or Malaysians who are prepared to take a stand against the Barisan Nasional government by opposing and criticising its unfair, unjust and undemocratic policies and actions.

Warning to Barisan Nasional Government not to plunge the country into another crisis by further undermining the principle of the Rule of Law

Wan Hanafiah's rabid and intemperate speech is important, not because it was made by Wan Hanafiah, but whether it represented the thinking and attitudes of the mainstream UMNO leadership.

This is because before his election as MP, Wan Hanafiah occupied the important and sensitive position of Senior Personal Secretary (Setiausaha Sulit Kanan) to the Deputy Home Minister, Datuk Megat Junid Megat Ayob, whose connections and links to the Prime Minister is well-known.

The question is whether Wan Hanafiah's speech reflects the latest thinking in the top UMNO leadership, of men like Datuk Megat Junid and Dr. Mahathir.

DAP must warn the Barisan Nasional Government not to plunge the country into another crisis by further undermining the principle of the Rule of Law - the independence of the lawyers.

The Government must respect the independence and integrity of the Bar Council and resist the temptation to attempt a take-over of the Bar Council by making use of its brute majority in Parliament to introduce legislation to make either the Attorney-General or the Minister of Law as the head of the Bar Council.

It is understandable that the Government and the Lord President, Tun Hamid, felt humiliated when the Bar Council AGM on March 14 rejected by an overwhelmingly decisive vote of 809 to 52 a motion to overturn its no-confidence motion in Tun Hamid in 1988.

But this humiliation of Tun Hamid was not brought about at the initiative of the Malaysian Bar or the Bar Council, but by a handful of Barisan Nasional lawyers, orchestrated probably by the Minister of Law and the Muslim Lawyers Association, who had misjudged and miscalculated in proposing such a motion.

The directive asking lawyers appearing before the Supreme Court to declare whether they recognise Tun Hamid as Lord President is most demeaning and humiliating to the office of Lord President, making it the laughing stock of the judicial and legal world.

Recognising Tun Hamid's appointment as Lord President by the Yang di Pertuan Agong is very different from having confidence in him as head of the Judiciary.

What judges, lawyers and all those concerned about the administration of justice should be concerned is the urgent need to restore local and international confidence in the independence of the judiciary and the Rule of Law in Malaysia, which had been greatly shaken by the 1988 Judiciary Crisis.

Is it true that the Rulers have rejected the draft Code of Conduct submitted by UMNO and had made their own proposals

Although UMNO leaders have claimed that the Rulers have accepted the draft Code of Conduct submitted by the UMNO leadership, I call for a clear statement as to whether it is true that the Malay Rulers have rejected the draft Code of Conduct submitted by UMNO and have made their own proposals.

The istana-bashing by UMNO leaders and its proposal for a Code of Ethics for Rulers have raised the fundamental question whether the Rulers are merely for UMNO and the Malays, or they are the Rulers for all political parties and Malaysians of all races.

UMNO leaders are acting and behaving as if Malaysia is still in the 1940s and 1950s, where Malay Rulers are exclusively regarded as belonging to the Malays, instead of the 1990s where the Rulers have become the symbol of unity of all races in the country.

How can the Barisan Nasional leadership be serious about Vision 2020 when its mentality is still so rooted in the 1940s and before.

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needed, for we see so many Barisan Nasional leaders preaching moral values when their immoral personal life is a national scandal; so many Barisan Nasional leaders talking about integrity when they do not have a record of political probity; and so many Ministers and Deputy Ministers speechifying about good conduct when they have no compunction to tell lies and falsehoods.

DAP will give full support to the drawing up of a Code of Conduct for Political Leaders.

DAP opposes the suspension of Malaysia from ILO but calls on the Government to give MAY DAY meaning this year by announcing new policy to allow the formation of national union for electronic workers

Malaysia will be celebrating May Day in two days time. It is important that May Day is celebrated in Malaysia in a meaningful manner and not just in outward form.

There have been many countries whose governments celebrate May Day but trample on the fundamental rights of the workers.

Malaysia should not do the same thing. Malaysia will celebrate the 1992 May with a motion to suspend it from the International Labour Organisation over its head.

This is a shame for the Malaysia Government's labour record, and it should not look for scapegoats or excuses to distract attention from its failure to comply with international labour standards and practices.

DAP opposes the suspension of Malaysia from the International Labour Organisation. However, DAP calls on the Government to make the 1992 May Day a meaningful one this year, with the Labour Minister, Datuk Lim Ah Lek, announcing a new government policy to allow the formation of

a national union for the electronic workers in the country.

The Labour Minister should stop his efforts to undermine the Malaysian Trades Union Congress, locally and internationally, and fully respect the role of the MTUC as the representatives of the Malaysian trade unions and workers so as establish the necessary tripartite partnership to achieve Vision 2020.

Call on the Government to hear the cry of despair and hopelessness of the Malaysian Indians

Ever since the announcement of Vision 2020 about a Bangsa Malaysia, there has been a conspiracy of silence to gloss over the fundamental issues in the country, as for example on the question of national unity.

The preparedness of the government in the early 1980s to admit the failure of national unity efforts as well as the existence of the grave twin problems of increasing racial and religious polarisation among the people have been replaced by a smug complacency which even denies that racial and religious polarisation are serious problems of the country.

When government leaders are not prepared to acknowledge the fundamental problems of nation building but sweep them all under the carpet, the country is heading for dangerous waters as these fundamental problems are not being addressed but aggravated.

Do we really believe that racial and religious polarisation have ceased to be problems in the Malaysia of the 1990s - or have they become even worse than in the 1970s?

Last month, there was a seminar on National Unity and a former top former civil servant, who reached the position of Ketua Setiausaha, gave an Indian perspective of the problem of national unity in Malaysia.

He gave this background to the problem of national unity:

1. The Malaysian Nation was born in 1957, but 35 years later, national unity is still a major aspiration that is unfulfilled.
2. The Malaysian Constitution and the Rukunegara laid the foundation to achieve national unity, but the 1969 Riots ruptured any hopes that we had achieved it.
3. The New Economic Policy in 1970 aimed to set new directions to achieve national unity. However about 20 years later the majority Malaysian Indian view is that the NEP has brought about greater Malay or Bumiputra benefits and solidarity but ironically a greater sense of alienation amongst other races.
4. Then in 1991, the National Development Policy and the Prime Minister's Vision 2020 were designed to improve upon the NEP, to achieve the same objective of building national unity more purposefully, through the process of developing Malaysia into an industrial country in 30 years. The predominant priority and underlying thrust is to create Bangsa Malaysia - Can this be achieved in the next 30 years?

On the present state of national unity, he said:

1. National Unity today is much more formalized and symbolic than it was at Merdeka when it was more informal, relaxed, down-to-earth and more genuine.
2. The royalty, our national language, and our active and relatively liberal democratic system of government, have all been strong unifying factors. The national education policy was also intended and has to some extent, strengthened common values and attitudes and helped to evolve some elements of an overall Malay-

sian culture and national unity.

3. However, it will take much longer for these national unity features to seep through the Malaysian society and to be absorbed by the soul of its people.
4. In the meantime, despite the many initiatives of the government to promote national unity, there have also been strong counter currents of polarisation.
5. Today, the bumiputra and non-bumiputra policies have unfortunately and even inadvertently, created greater sensitivities and more consciousness of our differences, rather than our shared ethos, values, a Malaysian identity and our common destiny.

On the perceptions of the Malaysian Indians on the problems and issues confronting national unity, he said:

The Malaysian Indian has become even more conscious of a sense of alienation because of the following reasons:

The Malaysian Indian:-

- (1) Constitutes the smallest of the large minorities.
- (2) Has not gained as much as the Malays and Malaysian Chinese from Malaysia's rapid economic growth.
- (3) Is losing out relatively to the other races in terms of poverty alleviation, incomes, social status, equity ownership, education and future opportunities to advance.
- (4) Feels relatively neglected by the government, as compared to government's assistance to rural Malays, while the Malaysian Chinese have gained indirectly from rapid economic development, and government

contracts through the use of their longer experience and enterprise in business and their connections.

- (5) Considers that their sense of deprivation is more serious since the Malaysian Indian leadership has been too occupied with its own internal problems and personal preoccupations. Consequently the Malaysian Indian leadership has not been able to do much to improve especially the unfortunate plight of the Malaysian Indian estate worker in particular and the Malaysian Indian in general.
- (6) Accepts the objectives of Vision 2020 and appreciates the vigorous efforts being undertaken by government to modernise and industrialise the country, but fears that Malaysian Indians will be forgotten in the modernisation process and would drift down the national socio-economic ladder.
- (7) Feels a sense of hopelessness in the estates and has no alternative if he moves out, but to engage himself in low productivity jobs in the urban areas.
- (8) Expects their depressed lives and low standards of living in the estates to continue indefinitely from generation to generation, in a resigned and fatalistic way.

These are some of his conclusions on the position of the Malaysian Indians on national unity:

- (1) Under these circumstances of relative neglect, a perceived indifference to their poor plight and a lack of hope and direction, it is difficult to inspire a spirit of Malaysian Unity and pride among the majority of Indians and especially the Malaysian Indian estate workers. This will be true of any race or people, anywhere in the world, under similar circumstances.

- (2) The majority of Malaysian Indians especially in estates therefore just 'exist', and live from day to day without hope or expectation, of progress and prosperity, unlike the other Malaysian races, that enjoy a greater sense of hope and confidence in the future.
- (3) The Malaysian Indians therefore cannot contribute much to national unity, as they are isolated, feel excluded and even alienated from the mainstream of Malaysia's proud record of overall socio-economic achievement and progress.

And these are some of the questions he asked and answers he provided:

1. Can Malaysian Indians then, under these circumstances have a high sense of national consciousness, commitment and be able to contribute effectively to national unity?
2. Can Malaysia afford to allow Malaysian Indians to feel alienated?
3. Malaysia cannot afford 10 per cent of its population of about 1.7 million Malaysian Indians to feel alienated. Malaysian unity and Bangsa Malaysia can be as strong only as the weakest link. One of Malaysia's major weak links in national unity is the Malaysian Indian community.
4. So long as there is no specific blueprint on the part of the government to alleviate the weak position of the Malaysian Indians - so long will this depressed community weigh down Malaysia's prospect of progress and inhibit its achievements and objectives of Vision 2020.
5. The Malaysian Indians can and will be able to con-

tribute effectively to enhance national unity only by bringing them into the mainstream of Malaysia's modernisation. They can contribute towards meeting the nine challenges of vision 2020 if they are given the opportunities to participate actively and not passively - as an important and integral part of the Malaysian mainstream.

DAP calls for the establishment of a National Commission on Vision 2020 to address the fundamental problems of the nation like the twin problems of racial and religious polarisation.

This is the cry of a top Malaysian Indian who has achieved distinctions in government and business for the Indian community, a cry which must be heard by all Malaysians - for it is not the cry of one man, but the cry of 1.7 million Malaysian Indians in the country.

Malaysia ignores the cries of despair, alienation and discontent of the neglected and discriminated, whether in the estates, new villages, rural areas or towns and the grave twin problems of racial and religious polarisation at the nation's own peril, for Vision 2020 and a Bangsa Malaysia cannot be achieved if the powers-that-be closed their hearts to these deep-rending cries from the depths of the soul of her own sons and daughters of the soil.

If we are serious about Vision 2020, then the government and country must begin to deal with the fundamental problems of the country in a serious manner. DAP calls for the establishment of a National Commission on Vision 2020 to address the fundamental problems of the country, like the twin problems of racial and religious polarisation.

This National Commission on Vision 2020 should not only comprise representatives from all political parties, but also representatives from all professions, religions and groups,

which should give prime consideration to long-term objectives of the nation and people rather than to the short-term gains and objectives whether of political parties or personalities.

Latest information is that **MAIKA HOLDINGS** received approval of \$50 million loan application by Arab-Malaysia Merchant Banking on Oct. 6, 1990, but it still rejected offer of nine million shares

I have now more information about the \$61 million MAIKA Telecom shares scandal.

On 5th April, 1992, MIC President, Datuk Samy Vellu, made the following statement in the front page of Tamil Nesan, which is controlled by him personally:

"Of late, it has been alleged that in the Telecoms shares affairs, MAIKA Holdings was offered 10 million shares. However, it has been alleged I had offered only one million shares to MAIKA.

"On 27th September 1990, the Finance Ministry offered 10 million shares. But in a letter dated 28th September 1990, the Managing Director of MAIKA Holdings, Tan Sri Rama Iyer, stated that due to its financial crisis, MAIKA Holdings would require only one million shares.

"Therefore on 6th October 1990, the Finance Ministry cancelled its earlier offer and offered the one million shares that MAIKA Holdings had requested.

"Copies of the supporting documents are hereby published".

The letter by Tan Sri Rama Iyer dated 28th September 1990 and the letter of withdrawal by the Finance Ministry on 6th October 1990 was also reproduced.

Why didn't Datuk Samy Vellu produce all the letters connected with the offer of 10 million Telecoms shares to MAIKA Holdings, such as the original letter of offer by the Finance Ministry?

Datuk Samy Vellu had explained at various MIC party meetings that MAIKA Holdings could not find the financing to take up the offer of 10 million Telecoms shares.

Is it true that MAIKA Holdings could not find the financing to take up the 10 million Telecoms shares?

I challenge Datuk Samy Vellu and Tan Sri Rama Iyer to deny that on 6th October 1990, Arab Malaysia Merchant Bank Bhd. approved MAIKA Holdings' application of 4th October 1990 for \$50 million to take up the offer of 10 million Telecoms shares.

In view of the approval of \$50 million loan from Arab Malaysia Merchant Bank Bhd., the Board of Directors of MAIKA Holdings was able and willing to accept the offer of 10 million Telecom shares which was its decision on 8th October 1990.

It is clear this is a financial scandal of the first magnitude, involving criminal breach of trust and conflict-of-interest, and the MAIKA Holdings members, the Indian community and the Malaysian public are entitled to ask: Who have diverted the nine million Telecom shares, and to whom?

It is not only the Datuk Samy Vellu, Tan Sri Rama Iyer, the MIC and MAIKA Holdings which have to account for their extraordinary action, but also the Finance Ministry as well.

Datuk Samy Vellu was already the Minister for Power and Telecoms at the time in question, and a further layer of conflict-of-interest is involved.

I call on the Finance Minister, Datuk Anwar Ibrahim, to set up a public inquiry into the \$61 million MAIKA Holdings Telecoms shares scandal to establish who had hijacked the nine million Telecoms shares but also to prove that the Finance Ministry has not aided and abetted in a most dishonest and dishonourable transaction robbing the Indian community of \$61 million corporate share.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Penang on Friday, May 22, 1992:

Parliament's refusal to give priority to debate DAP motion to review and reject Ong Tee Kiat's decision to suspend me from Parliament is proof that the Barisan Nasional's two-thirds majority in Parliament is being used to suppress financial scandals and condone unparliamentary practices by Ong Tee Kiat

Parliament's refusal yesterday to give priority to the DAP motion by the DAP Parliamentary Whip, Dr. Tan Seng Giaw, MP for Kepong, to review and reject the decision of the Deputy Speaker, Ong Tee Kiat last week to suspend me from Parliament is proof that the Barisan Nasional's two-thirds majority in Parliament is being used to suppress financial scandals and condone unparliamentary practices by Ong Tee Kiat.

Parliament was forced to be adjourned half-way on May 14 because Ong Tee Kiat had lost control of the Dewan Rakyat by his open bias and prejudice, as well as his undemocratic and unparliamentary practices from the Chair, creating a parliamentary pandemonium for the first time in Malaysian parliamentary history.

I was suspended from Parliament for the rest of the meeting - the first time in my 23 years as MP and 19 years as Parliamentary Opposition Leader.

This shows how 'sensitive' the nine million \$120 million

MAIKA Holdings Telecom shares hijacking scandal has become in Parliament, that there is a conspiracy to ban further debate of the scandal in Parliament.

The Dewan Rakyat Speaker, Tan Sri Zahir Ismail, later commented that if Opposition MPs are dissatisfied with any ruling or misconduct of Ong Tee Kiat, they could move a motion to set aside the ruling by using the provisions provided for in the Standing Orders.

The DAP had acted on Tan Sri Zahir's advice and Dr. Tan Seng Giaw had submitted a substantive motion under Standing Order 43 to review and reject the decision and ruling of Ong Tee Kiat suspending me from Parliament.

Under Standing Order 43, such a substantive motion to review the decision of the Deputy Speaker 'shall not require more than two days' notice.'

Dr. Tan's substantive motion to review and reject Ong Tee Kiat's decision should have been debated yesterday, as it was submitted two days' earlier.

However, the Barisan Nasional has used its two-thirds majority to negative Standing Order 43 by not giving time for the substantive motion to be debated, when by all parliamentary conventions, such a motion would take priority over all other parliamentary business, whether government or private.

Ong Tee Kiat must be held responsible if pandemonium breaks out in Parliament in future because of his bias, prejudice and open partisanship as Deputy Speaker

Standing Order 43 to review the ruling of a biased and prejudiced Deputy Speaker has therefore been rendered a 'dead letter' by the two-thirds Barisan Nasional majority, and this is why Ong Tee Kiat dared to openly flout the established parliamentary traditions and conventions of a Speaker or

Deputy Speaker to stay out of partisan politics or political controversies.

It is the accepted Parliamentary convention and tradition that a Speaker or Deputy Speaker would retire from active role in his party, for he must be accepted and respected by all MPs regardless of party. This was why in the House of Commons in United Kingdom, a woman MP from the Opposition Labour Party could be elected as the new Speaker over the choice of the government.

However, in Ong Tee Kiat's case, after becoming Deputy Speaker, he flaunts his partisan politics, telling lies and falsehoods against DAP leaders moments before he goes into the Chamber to take the Chair, and actively showing his bias and prejudice against the DAP MPs.

Ong Tee Kiat must be held singly and wholly responsible for the pandemonium in the Dewan Rakyat last week, for he had become so arrogant in his open bias and prejudice, as he believed that the DAP MPs have no redress whatsoever against such partisanship.

Ong Tee Kiat may be right that although the DAP can submit a motion to review and reject his biased and prejudiced rulings, DAP MPs have no way to force a debate on the substantive motion against the unreasonable and unparliamentary misuse of the Barisan Nasional's two-thirds majority.

Ong Tee Kiat therefore must be held responsible if parliamentary pandemonium breaks out in future as a result of his open bias, prejudice, partiality and partisanship as Deputy Speaker.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Petaling Jaya on Friday, May 15, 1992:

Parliament will lose all credibility and meaning if it is allowed to be used as a cover-up for financial scandals like the \$120 million MAIKA Holdings Telecom shares hijacking scandal

Parliament will lose all credibility and meaning if it is allowed to be used as a cover-up for financial scandals like the \$120 million MAIKA Holdings Telecom shares hijacking scandal.

This is the the first and most important issue over the unprecedented parliamentary adjournment mid-way because the Deputy Speaker, Ong Tee Kiat, had lost all control over the Parliamentary meeting in his attempt to be the chief instrument of such a cover-up.

Although MIC President and Energy, Telecoms and Posts Minister, Datuk Samy Vellu, had said in the Chamber that he 'wanted to fight with me' over the \$120 million MAIKA Holdings Telecoms shares hijacking scandal, his whole purpose in the Dewan Rakyat yesterday was to sabotage my attempt to make further disclosures about the Maika shares hijacking scandal, using his Ministerial office to overawe Ong Tee Kiat to stop me from speaking.

It is ridiculous for Ong Tee Kiat to claim that I was being irrelevant to talk about the financial plight of the 66,000 MAIKA Holdings shareholders who were facing grave financial difficulties and even possible bankruptcy proceedings

because of financial scandals in the MAIKA management.

Deputy Prime Minister, Ghafar Baba, in his comments said: "We sit in the House to discuss important matters and unwanted obstructions from MPs will only delay the passing of Bills."

It is clear that to the Barisan Nasional leaders, financial scandals swindling the people of hundreds of millions or even billions of ringgit are not 'important matters', and should be ignored so that such swindling can take place without let or hindrance.

As far as the DAP MPs are concerned, such financial scandals are the 'important matters' which must be brought up in Parliament if Parliament is not to lose all meaning, relevance and purpose.

All MPs, observers and the press who were in Parliament yesterday saw how quickly Ong Tee Kiat decided to abuse his powers to stop me from speaking when I said that the MCA has also its nestful of financial scandals which have caused financial hardships to the people.

The nine million Telecoms shares hijacked from MAIKA would be worth about \$120 million - which is more than the entire issued and paid-up capital of MAIKA.

The Dewan Rakyat Speaker, Tan Sri Zahir Ismail, later told the press that "If we speak, we must also listen and allow others to have their say."

He also said: "Being a democratic country, one cannot simply stop others from speaking. In this case, if DAP MPs are free to speak, they should also respect others by allowing them to say their piece."

Tan Sri Zahir has got the wrong end of the stick. The

pandemonium in Parliament broke out not because DAP MPs wanted to stop Barisan MPs from speaking but because Samy Vellu and Ong Tee Kiat wanted to stop the DAP from raising the \$120 Maika Holdings shares hijacking scandal!

I was always prepared to listen and allow Samy Vellu to explain his role in the \$120 Maika Holdings Telecoms shares hijacking scandal. It was Samy Vellu who was afraid to allow me to speak further on the Maika shares hijacking scandal by precipitating the pandemonium in Parliament yesterday.

Tan Sri Zahir's comments would be appropriate if I had been trying to obstruct and deny Samy Vellu a chance to explain his role in the \$120 million MAIKA shares hijacking scandal. This was not the case. It was Samy Vellu who was obstructing and denying my right to raise a very important and relevant issue about the \$120 million MAIKA shares hijacking scandal, especially after the thuggery, gangsterism and violence unleashed by MIC leaders against unhappy MAIKA shareholders.

The nine million Telecom shares hijacked from the MAIKA shareholders is not a trivial or irrelevant matter. The nine million Telecom shares would be worth about \$120 million today, and is even more than the entire paid-up and issued capital of MAIKA Holdings itself!

Malaysian Parliament has a two-thirds majority to suppress the disclosure of financial scandals instead of a majority to expose and fight financial scandals

This is the first time in my 23 years in Parliament that I was stopped from speaking on issues which are clearly relevant and pertinent to the subject before the House. This is also the first time in the 35-year Parliamentary history in Malaysia that the brutal majority of the Barisan Nasional had been used to suppress further disclosures about a financial scandal involving a Cabinet Minister and a Barisan Nasional

component party.

Malaysians have a right to ask why in Parliament, there is a two-thirds majority to support the suppression of the disclosure of financial scandals rather than a majority to expose and fight financial scandals?

The second issue in yesterday's parliamentary pandemonium is the palpable bias and prejudice of Ong Tee Kiat as Deputy Speaker. A Speaker or Deputy Speaker can belong to the ruling party, but he must be able to maintain the support and confidence of MPs from all political parties, whether government or Opposition.

If a Deputy Speaker conducts himself in such a highly biased and partisan manner that he forfeits the support and confidence of MPs from all political parties, he had failed in his office and should have the grace and dignity to resign instead of becoming the source of discord and disorder in Parliament.

Tan Sri Zahir should discipline and teach Ong Tee Kiat how to be a 'passable' Deputy Speaker

It is meaningless for Tan Sri Zahir to say that if Opposition MPs are dissatisfied with any ruling or misconduct of Ong Tee Kiat, they could move a motion to set aside the ruling by using the provisions provided for in the Standing Orders.

DAP MPs had previously submitted a motion of no confidence on Ong Tee Kiat in accordance with the provisions of the Standing Orders, but this motion was never given time for debate.

Ong Tee Kiat must be held singly and wholly responsible for the pandemonium in the Dewan Rakyat, for he has become so arrogant in his open bias and prejudice, as he believed that the DAP MPs have no redress whatsoever against such

partisanship.

Tan Sri Zahir Ismail should discipline Ong Tee Kiat and teach him how to be a 'passable' Deputy Speaker.

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Press Comments

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Kuala Lumpur on Sunday, May 3, 1992:

Liong Sik is using swear words to try to divert public attention from his support for Dr. Mahathir's Johore Bahru policy announcement

Malaysians who saw the television yesterday and read the newspapers today are shocked that the MCA President and Transport Minister, Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik, had completely lost his cool at the Subang airport yesterday, and even publicly said that I am 'out of my mind'.

This is a completely different Liong Sik from the MCA leader who had established a reputation for his 'patience' under any pressure, criticism or expose.

Liong Sik had just returned from Mauritius and South Africa, and should have been completely rested when he arrived in Subang yesterday, and should have been able to expound his brand of 'patience' instead of losing his cool to use swear words as to suggest that another political leader is 'out of his mind'!

I sympathise with Liong Sik and understand why he has lost his 'cool' at the Subang airport yesterday.

Before he met the press, Liong Sik must have received the complaints of all MCA Ministers and leaders as to how Liong Sik's statement of April 17 had exposed the entire MCA to the ferocious attack of the DAP for 12 days, allowing the DAP to describe MCA as having committed the greatest political betrayal in history.

It is a matter of history which could not be denied by any number of statements that Liong Sik was the first to give immediate and full-hearted support to the announcement by the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, in Johore Bahru on April 16 of a new Federal Government policy not to oppose or prevent PAS from introducing hukum hudud and even to amend the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians. Liong Sik even praised Mahathir's Johore Bahru announcement of the new Federal Government policy as the mark of a moderate leader!

For 12 days, while Liong Sik was holidaying in Mauritius, MCA Ministers and leaders were completely impotent and defenceless in the face of the DAP attack of the MCA for its greatest political betrayal in history, as the MCA President himself had clearly expressed support for the new Federal Government policy to amend the Federal Constitution to allow the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

The culmination of the DAP attack on the MCA came on Tuesday, April 28, 1992, in Parliament during the debate on the Royal Address, where all MCA Ministers disappeared from the Dewan Rakyat during my speech, where I warned the MCA Ministers and MPs to stop their greatest political betrayal in history, and to stop gambling with the constitutional right and guarantee of the Chinese and non-Muslim Malaysians to a secular state in Malaysia.

It was only then that on April 29, the Cabinet decided that non-Muslim Barisan Nasional MPs are allowed to vote according to their conscience if there is a proposal in Parliament to amend the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

Liong Sik was apparently responding to the complaints of the MCA Ministers and leaders, blaming him for his April 17 statement, that made him lose his cool and allege that I am 'out of my mind'.

Who ask Liong Sik to be so eager to be the first, even before Gerakan President, Datuk Dr. Lim Keng Yaik, to express public and loyal support to Dr. Mahathir in his Johore Bahru announcement of new Federal Government policy?

If Liong Sik really believes that I must bear full responsibility for what he called 'the latest developments' in Kelantan, then I invite him to a public debate which will give him the opportunity and pleasure to prove his case.

I did not ask Liong Sik to give full support on behalf of MCA to Dr. Mahathir's Johore Bahru announcement of a new Federal Government Policy to amend the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

If Liong Sik had sought my advice then, I would have advised him to keep quiet if he could not and dare not issue a clear-cut statement dissociating the MCA from Dr. Mahathir's Johore Bahru speech.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Penang on Wednesday, May 6, 1992:

For the next 100 years, Tunku Abdul Rahman College cannot wipe out the grave 'sins' of the MCA in 'killing' the Merdeka University

The MCA President, Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik, has now exposed his own ulterior motives when he challenged the DAP and myself three times in two weeks before he left for Mauritius and South Africa to set up a college like the MCA's Tunku Abdul Rahman College.

Until then, I had not said a word about Tunku Abdul Rahman College on its \$20 million fund-raising campaign. But Liong Sik wanted me to comment and criticise so that he could make the allegation, which he started yesterday, that the DAP is out to sabotage the tertiary educational opportunities of young Malaysians.

However, Liong Sik had not been able to answer my three preliminary questions: Why he dare not challenge UMNO to set up a private college, why UMNO does not have to collect \$20 million from the Malay community for the purposes of a private college, and why the MCA leaders, former MCA leaders and patrons who had caused the \$1.5 billion Co-operative Finance Scandal and unprecedented sufferings to 600,000 depositors and three million dependants could not contribute this \$20 million as they are still extremely wealthy even though they may have been declared bankrupts.

Last Sunday, Liong Sik publicly suggested that 'I was out of my mind'. Yesterday, he said that the DAP had been 'sick

politically for the past 25 years'. Both these utterances are those of a 'sick' man.

Since Liong Sik has been pressurising the DAP to state its stand on STAR, I will oblige. The DAP is not launching any campaign against STAR, but stating its attitude on STAR, after being repeatedly challenged by Liong Sik to do so.

Firstly, the DAP, the Chinese community and the Malaysian nation cannot ignore or disregard the fact of the origins of the Tunku Abdul Rahman College (STAR) in 1969. It is a historical fact which will be admitted by all MCA leaders that STAR was conceived by the MCA leadership in order to kill the Merdeka University proposal.

Liong Sik and all the MCA leaders should realise that even for the next 100 years, Tunku Abdul Rahman College cannot wipe out the grave 'sins' of the MCA in 'killing' the Merdeka University.

DAP has reservations about STAR but has never tried to undermine or destroy it

Secondly, because of the historic origins of STAR, the DAP has reservations about STAR, but we had never tried to undermine or to destroy it.

Even though we have a lot of evidence that the MCA leaders are using STAR for their own political purposes, the DAP was prepared to give assistance to the STAR students by pressurising the government to accord recognition to the STAR diplomas.

DAP may have grave reservations about the political 'motives' of the MCA leaders on STAR, but these reservations do not apply to STAR students and graduates - for they are equally the victims of the MCA and Barisan Nasional education policy which had discriminated against young Ma-

laysians and deprived them of equal higher educational opportunities in their own country.

DAP had always and will continue to speak up for the rights and aspirations of the students and graduates of STAR, for the DAP does not hold them responsible for the 'sins' of the MCA leaders, whether present or past.

It is Liong Sik who is 'sick' as instead of thanking the DAP for speaking up for government recognition for all STAR diplomas both inside and outside Parliament, he wanted to provoke the DAP to criticise and attack STAR because of the political bankruptcy of MCA.

This is the best example of the 'negative politics' that Liong Sik likes to talk about.

The DAP stand vis-a-vis STAR is almost similar to that of the Gerakan. Recently, when asked by reporters, the Gerakan President, Datuk Dr. Lim Keng Yaik, publicly expressed the reservations of Gerakan with regard to STAR, and even asked whether the MCA had invited a Gerakan representative to sit on the STAR Council.

Why didn't Liong Sik embark on a propaganda campaign to attack Keng Yaik and Gerakan, challenging Gerakan to establish a private college like STAR? This is another sign of Liong Sik's 'sickness'.

STAR is not sign of success but badge of failure of the MCA in Government

Liong Sik dare not answer my three preliminary questions, because he knows they are like three time bombs for the MCA.

The reason why MCA has to establish STAR and now try to raise \$20 million from the Chinese community, while

UMNO does not have to establish a private college or raise \$20 million from the Malay community is very simple.

MCA Ministers and leaders had failed in Cabinet and Government for the past two decades to ensure a fair and non-discriminatory higher education policy for all Malaysian students.

When DAP leaders were speaking in Parliament in the 1970s and 1980s, championing the right of young Malaysians to such a fair and non-discriminatory higher education policy, MCA Ministers and leaders were helping to implement a most unfair and discriminatory higher education policy which caused a serious brain drain in the last two decades.

It is precisely to cover up its failure and politically parasitic role in the Barisan Nasional that MCA had to establish STAR. STAR is therefore not the sign of success but the badge of failure of the MCA in Government. This is why UMNO does not need a STAR and does not have to collect \$20 million from the Malay community.

DAP calls on the Government to provide \$20 million for STAR's expansion plans so that the \$20 million from the Chinese community could go towards Chinese Independent Secondary Schools and Chinese primary schools

A political party is not an educational foundation and has very different roles and responsibilities. The role and responsibility of a political party, especially one which has been part of the ruling coalition since Merdeka, is to ensure a government higher education policy which is fair and just to all Malaysians, regardless of race.

Can Liong Sik and the MCA Ministers claim that the Barisan Nasional has a fair and just higher education policy for all Malaysians?

If the Barisan Nasional higher education policy is fair and just to all Malaysians, then I call on the MCA Ministers to get the Cabinet to agree to the following:

1. Government grant of \$20 million to STAR for its expansions plans, so that the \$20 million the MCA is collecting from the Chinese community could go towards the Chinese Independent Secondary Schools and Chinese primary schools; and
2. Ensure that the government terminate the quota policy for admissions into the local universities as the 20-year New Economic Policy had ended in 1990;
3. Announce the policy of building one local university in each state in the country as Malaysians are spending about \$3 billion every year for the higher education expenses of their children overseas; and
4. Approve the establishment of private universities and colleges by the Chinese community.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Penang on Thursday, May 7, 1992:

Call on Liong Sik to declare whether he would seek Cabinet allocation of additional \$20 million to Tunku Abdul Rahman College so that the \$20 million collected from the Chinese community could be used for the Chinese Independent Secondary Schools

I had totally stayed away from the subject of the MCA's plans to collect \$20 million from the Chinese community for Tunku Abdul Rahman College (STAR), making no comments whatsoever, but MCA President, Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik had repeatedly challenged me to declare my stand.

I had allowed Liong Sik's first two challenges to pass without a response, but when Liong Sik made his third and fourth challenge on the same subject on STAR, I have no choice but to publicly state my position.

Now, the Chinese community is waiting for the answer from Liong Sik to the DAP proposal that the MCA Ministers seek Cabinet allocation of an additional \$20 million for the expansion plans of Tunku Abdul Rahman College (STAR) so that the \$20 million collected from the Chinese community could be used for the Chinese Independent Secondary Schools.

Of course, if the MCA leaders, former MCA leaders and MCA patrons who had mulcted the Chinese community and created the \$1.5 billion Co-operative Finance Scandal, caus-

ing untold hardships and sufferings to three million people, are prepared to 'pay for their sins and crimes to the Chinese community' by contributing this \$20 million themselves, then there is no need for the MCA Ministers to go to the Cabinet at all.

The DAP is prepared to make public a whole list of these MCA leaders, former MCA leaders and MCA patrons who had been responsible for the \$1.5 billion co-operative finance scandal and who should be approached to contribute to this \$20 million collection for STAR - as they are still very wealthy, although some may be legally bankrupt.

DAP believes that the Gerakan Minister would support MCA request in Cabinet for an additional \$20 million allocation for STAR

All that Liong Sik or any MCA leader need to do is to ask for such a list, and all the names would be provided!

Should the MCA Ministers go to Cabinet to ask for an additional \$20 million allocation for STAR, so that the \$20 million collected by the MCA from the Chinese community could be released to the Chinese Independent Secondary Schools, I am sure that the Gerakan President and Minister of Primary Industries, Datuk Dr. Lim Keng Yaik, would also support it.

If Keng Yaik opposes this MCA request for an additional \$20 million allocation for STAR, then Keng Yaik would become the object of attack by everyone in the country.

Alternatively, MCA Ministers should ask Cabinet to approve \$20 million allocation for the Chinese Independent Secondary Schools

Alternatively, if the MCA Ministers want to continue to collect this \$20 million from the Chinese community for the

expansion plans of STAR, then they should get the Cabinet to approve \$20 million allocation for the Chinese Independent Secondary Schools for this year.

Since MCA is a member of the Barisan Nasional government, it should use its position and influence to ensure that the government's higher education policy is fair, just and non-discriminatory to Malaysians of all races and approve more allocations for colleges and universities, including STAR, and not to compete with Chinese Independent Secondary Schools or even Chinese primary schools for funds from the Chinese community.

The Chinese community had over the decades paid enormous taxes, and it is not asking too much to expect the MCA Ministers to get a fairer distribution of the taxes from the government for the Chinese community for higher education purposes. In any event, in the present case, all that the MCA Ministers need ask is an additional \$20 million allocation for STAR - which is a small drop in the total sum of taxes that the government collects from the Chinese community.

If the MCA Ministers dare not even raise in Cabinet a request for an additional \$20 million for STAR so that the Chinese Independent Secondary Schools can also benefit by \$20 million, then the MCA's position and role have become even more marginalised and parasitic.

Press Statement

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

Dr. Ting Chew Peh has shrunk intellectually since becoming MCA Secretary-General

Dr. Ting Chew Peh has shrunk intellectually since becoming MCA Secretary-General and Minister for Housing and Local Government, to the extent that he is prepared to tell lies openly and talk nonsense.

In today's press he said:

"The PAS-led Kelantan State Government's intention to introduce hukum hudud has plunged the DAP into a most embarrassing dilemma as to whether to support or oppose the hukum hudud.

"If DAP supports the imposition of hukum hudud in Kelantan, it will lose the support of the Chinese community as the Chinese in the country will not support hukum hudud.

"If DAP opposes hukum hudud, it would lose one of its partners in its proposed two-coalition system as well as the support of PAS."

These are the incoherent utterances of a person who has lost all sense of reason, logic as well as reality. Dr. Ting Chew Peh is now an outstanding example of the heavy price an intellectual must pay if he wants to join the MCA, and even worse, want to remain a MCA leader and Minister.

I hope Dr. Ting Chew Peh can recover his intellectual

integrity and qualities one day.

Dr. Ting Chew Peh seems to be the only person in the whole country who is not aware that immediately after the announcement by the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, in Johore Bahru on 16th April of the new Federal Government policy not to oppose or prevent the introduction of hukum hudud and even to amend the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians, the DAP immediately reiterated its opposition to an Islamic State and any amendment of the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

Dr. Ting Chew Peh cannot deny that immediately after Dr. Mahathir's announcement, the MCA Ministers and top leaders had an emergency meeting which resulted in a statement by the MCA President, Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik, giving full support to Dr. Mahathir's new Federal Government policy to amend the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians in Kelantan!

The DAP's stand that Malaysia is a secular state and our opposition to an Islamic state and the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians had always been made publicly, clearly and unequivocally to all political parties, whether in government or in Opposition - whether to UMNO, MCA, Gerakan or to Semangat 46 or PAS, whether in Parliament or outside.

Founder and former MCA Presidents Tan Cheng Lock and Tan Siew Sin would never have allowed the Federal Government to abandon its Merdeka commitment to uphold the secular basis of the Federal Constitution

It is MCA which has compromised the founding principles of the party and its founder leaders and members by abandoning the 35- year Federal Government policy since Merdeka to uphold the secular basis of the Federal Constitution and

nation building.

For 35 years, the Federal Government policy was to clearly oppose an Islamic state and any imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

The Federal Government has now abandoned this policy with Dr. Mahathir's announcement in Johore Bahru on April 16.

Why did the MCA Ministers, as well as the Gerakan, compromise and abandon such a fundamental policy and principle?

Instead of going round the country telling lies and mumbling nonsense, Dr. Ting Chew Peh should explain why he himself has compromised and betrayed the founding principles of the MCA and all the founder leaders and members of the MCA. Is this the price he must pay in order to remain a Cabinet Minister?

Last month, the MCA celebrated the 42nd anniversary of the MCA in Penang - but now, it is clear that when the MCA Ministers and leaders were celebrating the MCA's 42-year anniversary, they were already preparing to betray the founding principles of the MCA and its founding leaders and members!

I have no doubt that former MCA Presidents, Tan Cheng Lock and Tan Siew Sin would never have allowed the Federal Government to abandon its Merdeka commitment to all the races and religions in the country to uphold the secular basis of the Federal Constitution. Tan Cheng Lock and Tan Siew Sin would never have agreed to such a fundamental betrayal as to support the Federal Government abandoning its 35-year policy to uphold the secular basis of the Federal Constitution which opposes the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians.

Ting Chew Peh and the present MCA Ministers and leaders should explain why they have done what their predecessors and founding party leaders in MCA would never have done!

Press Comments by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, at the launching of the DAP "Back To The People Campaign" in Malacca on Monday, May 11, 1992 at 10 am

The MCA Ministers should ask for supplementary \$20 million allocation for Tunku Abdul Rahman College as the government is asking for \$1.2 billion as supplementary estimates in Parliament today

MCA Ministers and Deputy Ministers are now claiming that the DAP is trying to destroy the Tunku Abdul Rahman College (STAR) and its \$20 million donation drive in the Chinese community for its expansions plans.

This is what the MCA leadership is hoping that the DAP will do, that we will launch a campaign against the Tunku Abdul Rahman College and call on the Chinese community to boycott the donation drive of the MCA for the expansion plans of STAR.

The DAP is a responsible and sensible political party, unlike the MCA, whose leaders are prepared to tell lies everyday against the DAP and to do things which are against their own conscience and the interests of both the Chinese community and the people.

The DAP had never tried to undermine STAR, let alone to seek to destroy it, although we have our reservations about the MCA's role in trying to make use of it solely for its own political purposes.

This was why the DAP had stayed clear of the subject of STAR. It was the MCA leadership which tried repeatedly to

provoke the DAP to openly condemn STAR and destroy the MCA efforts to raise \$20 million, so that the MCA Ministers and Deputy Ministers can go round the country attacking the DAP.

This was the reason why the MCA President, Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik, challenged me three times within two weeks last month to state the DAP stand on STAR.

This is the first time that Liong Sik had dared to issue a challenge against the DAP, and for him to challenge the DAP thrice in two weeks shows that the MCA President and the other MCA leaders believed that they have finally one issue which could put the DAP in a spot.

Liong Sik cannot be more wrong. I had not responded to Liong Sik's two earlier challenges for two reasons: Firstly, I had other more important matters to deal with, as dealing with the injustice and unfairness of the new identity card application process faced by 15 million Malaysians. There is no doubt that if the DAP had not taken up this issue, the National Registration Department would not have come out with a new Guideline to simplify the application for new identity cards.

Secondly, I wanted to avoid giving the MCA leadership the impression that I am trying to undermine its efforts to raise \$20 million from the Chinese community for STAR, although the DAP have great reservations about the matter.

My two reasons were taken by Liong Sik and the MCA leadership as the DAP's weakness.

However, when Liong Sik challenged the DAP a third time to state its stand, I responded by asking Liong Sik to first explain why the MCA dared not challenge UMNO to set up a private college and why UMNO does not have to collect \$20 million from the Malay community as the MCA is doing.

There was total silence from Liong Sik. The reason is very clear. Liong Sik could not answer these two questions. The role of a political party in government is to ensure that its higher education policy is fair, just and liberal, where all Malaysians with the qualifications and abilities can have tertiary education in their own country.

Since the 1970s, I had stressed in Parliament that the single most divisive issue was the Barisan Nasional Government's higher education policy which discriminates against young Malaysians by depriving them of an equal opportunity to pursue higher education in the local universities.

UMNO does not have to establish a private college like STAR, because it uses its political influence in shaping the higher education policy that it wanted. This is what the MCA should do in Cabinet and Government, but it failed, and this is why it had to establish STAR.

STAR therefore symbolises the failure of MCA Ministers and leaders in Government to have a fair, just, liberal higher education policy.

I was attacked by MCA Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, Wong See Wah, for raising the Merdeka University issue. Wong See Wah should blame Liong Sik instead as it was Liong Sik who challenged me to state the DAP stand on STAR.

I have no choice but to remind the MCA leadership as to why the DAP has reservations about STAR, because its historic origins had only one objective - to 'kill' Merdeka University, which it succeeded.

If Liong Sik had not challenged me three times in two weeks to declare the DAP stand on STAR, I would not have raised the history of STAR.

I would advise the MCA leaders to stop its irresponsible politics, of trying to provoke the DAP to attack STAR, so that they could accuse the DAP of trying to 'destroy' STAR.

This only shows the political bankruptcy of the MCA leaders, who have invent enemies for STAR for their own political purposes.

What the MCA Ministers and leaders must do is to ask for a supplementary \$20 million allocation for STAR, so that the \$20 million collected by the MCA from the Chinese community could be released for Chinese Independent Secondary Schools.

After all, it is the Chinese community which pays the bulk of the taxes and it is only fair that another \$20 million be allocated for STAR, as the Government will be asking Parliament for supplementary estimates for \$1.2 billion in Parliament today.

In this way, MCA would also not be competing with the Chinese Independent Secondary Schools for donations and financial support from the Chinese community.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Petaling Jaya on Friday, May 15, 1992:

If MCA had asked for 10 million Telecom shares for the Chinese community, it would have \$20 million for STAR as well as another \$50 million for Chinese Independent Secondary Schools

In response to my question as to whether the MCA had been allocated Telecoms shares for the Chinese community, as in the case of the 10 million Telecom shares for MAIKA Holdings, MCA President, Datuk Ling Liong Sik, said: "We have never asked and we have never received".

The question is why not, if the MCA Ministers claim that they are the vigilant guardians of the legitimate rights and interests of the Chinese community in government?

If the MCA had asked for 10 million Telecom shares for the Chinese community, it would have \$20 million for the expansion plans of Tunku Abdul Rahman College (STAR), as well as over \$50 million for distribution to the Chinese Independent Secondary Schools. Furthermore, the \$20 million which the MCA is collecting from the Chinese community for STAR could all be donated to Chinese Independent Secondary schools.

Why did the MCA Ministers deny the Chinese community of its right to a share in the allocation of Telecom shares or shares of government privatised companies?

Liong Sik has told the first two lies since my proposal that MCA and DAP co-operate to ensure cleaner politics in Malaysia

Yesterday, I proposed that the DAP and MCA co-operate to make Malaysian politics cleaner. I said that with immediate effect, if a DAP or MCA leader is accused of telling lies, the accused must be prepared publicly to prove the truth of his statement or allegation. If he can't, he must apologise and withdraw the unfounded statement or allegation.

I accuse Liong Sik of telling the first two lies since my proposal that MCA and DAP co-operate to ensure cleaner politics in Malaysia.

In response to my proposal, Liong Sik said yesterday: "Having supported PAS to come into power, having guaranteed the people in endless press statements that hudud laws will never be there, today PAS are really going ahead."

This statement by Liong Sik contained two lies:

Firstly, that the DAP was responsible of bringing PAS into power in Kelantan; and

Secondly, that the DAP had guaranteed the Chinese and non-Muslims that PAS would not impose hukum hudud.

Both are lies, and I invite Liong Sik to prove these two allegations. If he cannot, I ask him to withdraw these two allegations.

Press Statement

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

DAP advises Liong Sik to stop 'politicising' Tunku Abdul Rahman College (STAR) as this is not doing a service to STAR at all

It is now clear that the MCA President, Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik, has decided to 'politicise' the Tunku Abdul Rahman College (STAR), using every STAR fund-raising function to make baseless and unfounded attacks on the DAP.

For instance, at the STAR fund-raising function in Klang on Sunday night, Liong Sik again attacked the DAP - which is the latest example of the MCA leadership turning every STAR fund-raising function into a anti-DAP gathering.

Members of the public who had attended such functions are getting very disgusted with the politicising of the STAR fund-raising campaign, and the MCA leadership is grossly mistaken if they think their 'politicking' is doing a service to STAR.

Liong Sik challenged me three times in two weeks in April to declare the DAP stand on STAR. I had no choice but to state the DAP's stand on STAR, explaining that although the DAP never had any intention to 'destroy' STAR, we have our reservations about STAR for the following reasons:

- (1) its historic origins which was conceived to 'kill' Merdeka University proposal in 1969;
- (2) a symbol of the failure of the MCA Ministers in

Barisan Nasional Government, as UMNO did not have to set up a private college of its own for Malay students or to collect \$20 million from the Malay community as the MCA is doing;

- (3) our stand that the government should approve an additional \$20 million to STAR, so that the \$20 million collected could go to the Chinese Independent Secondary Schools; and
- (4) that it was a great disappointment and another failure of the MCA Ministers that Samy Vellu could get 10 million Telecoms shares for the Indian community but the four MCA Ministers could not get a single Telecom share for the Chinese community. If the MCA had been able to get at least 10 million Telecoms shares for the Chinese community, the \$70 million profit would go towards paying the full \$20 million needed for STAR expansion plans and there would be another \$50 million for Chinese Independent Secondary Schools.

MCA Ministers and leaders have now taken the position that they do not want the Barisan Nasional Government to approve an additional \$20 million for STAR, but want this sum to come from the Chinese community.

Can the MCA Ministers justify such a stand?

I would advise the MCA Ministers and leaders to stop turning every STAR fund-raising function into an anti-DAP function, or they have only themselves to blame if they antagonise the Chinese public altogether.

Speech (Part 2) by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, at the DAP 'Back To The People' Dinner at Sitiawan on Friday, May 22, 1992 at 8 p.m.

MCA Ministers have failed to ensure that the Chinese community had a fair share in the economic cake by not asking for Telekom shares for the educational, social, cultural and religious advancement of the Malaysian Chinese

MCA Ministers have been claiming that under the Barisan Nasional Government, there is a fair sharing of the economic cake.

However, the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal have highlighted one important fact, that the MCA Ministers have failed to ensure that the Chinese community get a fair share in the economic cake when it was revealed that the MCA leaders did not ask for a fair allocation of Telekom shares for the educational, social and cultural advancement of the Malaysian Chinese.

It is now public knowledge that 10 million Telekom shares at \$5 per share were allocated for the Indian community when Telekom shares were floated in the market in October 1990.

MCA President, Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik, said that the MCA Ministers did not ask for an allocation of Telekom shares for the Chinese community. Why did the MCA Ministers fail the Chinese community in not asking for an allocation of Telekom shares for the Chinese community?

In October 1990, Telekom made a public offer of 470.5

million new shares priced at \$5 each. Out of this public issue, 70.5 million shares were reserved for its 28,000 employees, 100 million for Bumiputera institutions and investors, 152.1 million shares for approved institutions and 147.9 million for the public.

If the MIC could get an allocation of 10 million Telekom shares for the Indian community, are the four MCA Ministers saying that they could not get at least 30 million Telecoms shares allocated for the Chinese community?

If the MCA Ministers had asked and received an allocation of 30 million Telecoms shares for the educational, social, cultural and religious advancement of the Chinese community, at yesterday's closing price of \$12.80 a share for Telekom, the Chinese community would have made a profit of around \$234 million.

Is Liong Sik saying that the Chinese community does not need this \$234 million?

Liong Sik should explain why he deprived the Chinese community of \$234 million for educational, social, cultural and religious advancement in not asking for a 30 million Telecom shares allocation

With this \$234 million, there is no need for the Tunku Abdul Rahman College to go round the country to raise \$20 million for its expansion plans in Penang and Segamat, and there will still be over \$200 million for the Chinese Independent Secondary Schools, the Chinese primary schools, as well as for promoting the cultural, social and religious advancement of the Chinese community.

Liong Sik's explanation that the MCA Ministers did not ask for special allocation of Telecom shares for the Chinese community as the government has approved \$20 million for the Tunku Abdul Rahman College is no answer why the MCA

Ministers have deprived the Chinese community of \$234 million for educational, social, cultural and religious advancement with a 30 million allocation of Telekom shares.

In any event, the government also made a \$8 million allocation for TAFEE College, but this did not stop Datuk Samy Vellu from asking and getting an allocation of 10 million Telecom shares to MAIKA Holdings - although nine million of these shares were hijacked subsequently.

If the MCA Ministers had asked for an allocation of 30 million Telekom shares and been rejected, this would have been a different story. The tragedy here is that the MCA Ministers did not ask for such an allocation for the educational, social, cultural and religious advancement of the Chinese community - while Datuk Samy Vellu asked and received a 10 million Telekom share allocation for the Indian community.

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Press Statement

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

Most regrettable at Lim Keng Yaik's lack of decorum and his most ungentlemanly conduct in using the Malaysian Lims Clan Association dinner to attack me with lies and falsehoods when he knows that I have no chance to reply

I find it most regrettable that the Gerakan President and Minister for Primary Industries, Datuk Dr. Lim Keng Yaik, had acted in a most ungentlemanly manner in using the Malaysian Lim Clan Associations' dinner in Butterworth on Sunday to attack me with lies and falsehoods when he knows that I have no chance to reply.

I know that some of those who attended the Sunday dinner had complained during the dinner as to the unfairness of two Gerakan leaders attacking me after I had spoken, as well as to the impropriety of an 'outsider' coming to a Lim Clan Association dinner to attack a Lim.

I myself do not mind whether it is two, three or more Gerakan leaders against one, because I can take them on anytime, nor do I mind an 'outsider' coming to a Lim Clan Association function to launch an attack on a Lim.

It is important however that certain 'decorum' and ground-rules should be observed by all guest-speakers at such functions, so that there is no abuse of the occasion and to ensure that those who speak later do not indulge in ungentlemanly and unbecoming conduct as telling lies and falsehoods know-

ing that there could be no correction or reply.

Such groundrules are important for I do not think anyone will like to see such functions degenerate into a 'scolding war' as described by most Chinese newspapers on the Lim Clans Association dinner on Sunday.

I must clarify however that if there was a 'scolding war' at the Lim Clan Association dinner on Sunday night, it was a strictly a one-way affair, with Keng Yaik 'scolding' me in his entire speech, while I had not 'scolded' Keng Yaik at all.

Groundrules for politician guest-speakers at Chinese clans, associations and societies functions

I believe that the groundrules for politician guest-speakers for functions of clans associations or Chinese organisations should include the following elements:

Firstly, it is inevitable that guest-speakers, particularly those with political positions, will speak on larger national issues concerning political, economic, educational, cultural, religious and other citizenship rights of the people.

Such guest-speakers have not been invited to speak 'sweet, meaningless nothings', and if such guest-speakers have been invited to say 'sweet, meaningless nothings', it is an absolute waste of time for them to speak in the first place.

Unless it is a political forum, guest-speakers with political positions and backgrounds should not indulge in open attacks on other political parties or other political leaders.

If certain references have to be made, it should not be made directly in any confrontational manner, but should be on the basis of 'only being touched at most'.

This is the groundrule that I had always observed, and this

is why in my speech, I never mentioned DAP or Gerakan. I spoke about a subject which was of the foremost concern of all who attended the dinner as well as the entire Chinese community - the announcement by the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, three days earlier that the Federal Government's new policy is not to oppose or prevent the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslim Malaysians and would even amend the Federal Constitution to allow PAS to impose hukum hudud on the Chinese in Kelantan.

I explained why the hukum hudud issue had suddenly become such a big issue, when PAS had been calling for an Islamic State and the imposition of hukum hudud for 41 years since its formation in Butterworth on November 24, 1951.

I pointed out that PAS had no hope, chance or way to implement Islamic law or impose hukum hudud with its penalties of limbs-amputation, whipping and stoning on the non-Muslim Malaysians as the Federal Constitution has to be amended first, and PAS has only seven MPs when over 120 MPs or two-thirds majority are needed to amend the Federal Constitution.

I said at the dinner that if all the Chinese MPs in Government, 'including my good friend, Keng Yaik', vote against any amendment to the Federal Constitution to allow the imposition of hukum hudud on non-Muslims, there is no way that PAS could introduce such hukum hudud in Kelantan.

Three reasons why Keng Yaik acted without 'decorum' and was most ungentlemanly in his speech at the Lim Clan Associations dinner

In response to my speech, which Keng Yaik admitted when he started speaking, was 'based on reasoning and not emotional', Keng Yaik launched into a long personal attack on me as well as the DAP.

What makes Keng Yaik's attack most uncalled for, most regrettable and most ungentlemanly is:

Firstly, I did not make any personal attack on Keng Yaik and did not even mention Gerakan at all;

Secondly, Keng Yaik's speech is a repetition of a lot of Gerakan lies against the DAP, which cannot stand examination, debate and challenge, and it is most unbecoming and of rather a low class and standard to indulge in such political falsehoods at such a function.

Thirdly, Keng Yaik was most ungentlemanly for he knows that I have no chance at the dinner to reply to his lies and falsehoods about DAP and myself in particular.

The five lies and untruths of Keng Yaik at the Lim Clan Associations Dinner at Butterworth

Keng Yaik told at least five lies and untruths at the Lim Clan Associations Dinner at Butterworth, namely:

1. That the DAP was responsible for PAS coming into power in Kelantan. This is a lie, for the DAP never asked the voters to support PAS in the last general elections as the DAP and PAS did not have any relationship or understanding. The Chinese and non-Malays in Kelantan constitute less than five per cent of the electorate, and even if they all voted for Barisan Nasional, Barisan Nasional would still have lost by 39 - 0 in the state assembly elections.
2. Keng Yaik repeated his lie in April 1990 of a secret DAP-PAS meeting in Jakarta, which he had not been able to produce an iota of evidence for the last two years. Instead of admitting that he had told a lie, Keng Yaik claimed at the dinner that the proof of his allegation is the meeting between the DAP leaders and

the Kelantan Mentri Besar, Nik Aziz Nik Mat, in January this year!

3. Keng Yaik continued to lie when he accused the DAP of forming an Opposition front with PAS, and asking the DAP to break off with PAS from this Opposition front. In actual fact, DAP had never formed any Opposition Front with PAS, whether at present or at any time in the past. DAP had joined together with other opposition parties, except PAS, to form Gagasan Rakyat, and it is therefore a complete distortion and lie for Keng Yaik to claim that DAP should break off its Opposition Front with PAS.
4. Keng Yaik says that Gerakan is 100 per cent opposed opposed to an Islamic State. How can he make this claim when the Gerakan now supports the new Federal Government policy to amend the Federal Constitution to allow the establishment of an Islamic State and the imposition of hukum hudud with its penalties of limbs-chopping, whipping and stoning on non-Muslim Malaysians?
5. Keng Yaik alleged that for my personal interest, I wanted to eliminate two fellow Clans-men, Chong Eu and Keng Yaik himself. It is a great distortion and very poor taste for Keng Yaik to blame me personally for his near defeat in the Bruas parliamentary constituency in the last general elections at such a dinner function. Is Keng Yaik pleading that the DAP should in future not field a candidate against him to allow him a walk-over?

Speech (Part 2) by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, at the DAP National Publicity Committee meeting on April 21, 1992 at 8 p.m.

DAP calls on the Government to simplify application and grant citizenship to the 100,000 - 200,000 red identity holders who have been born or been in the country before Malaysia's formation in 1963

The DAP National Publicity Committee and all publicity secretaries, from the national to state and branch levels have a very important role to play in the DAP's 'Back To The People Campaign', and in particular to help achieve its multi-pronged objectives.

This is because the DAP's 'Back To The People' campaign is the centrepiece of the 24-month Party Reform programme to bring about party renewal, revitalisation and reinvigoration.

Sixth theme of the DAP's 'Back To The People Campaign'

I am announcing tonight the sixth theme of the DAP 'Back To the People Campaign' - to campaign for the simplification of the citizenship application process for the 100,000 - 200,000 red identity holders who have been born or been in the country before Malaysia's formation in 1963.

DAP calls on the Barisan Nasional Government to simplify the application process and to grant citizenship to all the red identity-card holders born or had been in the country before the formation of Malaysia in 1963.

This group of people, who are at least 29 years old, whether born locally or not, have spent decades in Malaysia, have no other home and are practically Malaysians except they do not have citizenship status.

The citizenship application process should be simplified for this group of red identity card holders to enable them to become citizens before the end of the year.

The red identity card holders have suffered enough from their lack of citizenship status, and DAP calls on the Cabinet to make a policy decision to grant them citizenship in a simplified application process.

Our government and society cannot claim to be a caring one if we continue to disregard the injustices and the sufferings of this group of red identity card holders, who have devoted their entire adult life to the economic progress of the country.

In the past month, we have been highlighting the problems and hardships which blue identity card holders face when they tried to apply for the new credit-size identity card.

What is not generally known is that red identity card holders also suffer great problems and hardships, for they also have to apply for the new identity card.

It is not father proving the birth of his children, but the children required to prove the birth of their father

The problems faced by Wong Hong Fah, 47, a Negri Sembilan sub-contractor, is a good case in point.

Wong Hong Fah wanted to apply for an international passport, but he was informed that as his red identity card is too old, he should get a new identity card first.

When he went to the National Registration Department

(NRD), he was required to go to Jelebu to do a search of his birth certificate, as he never had a birth certificate although he was born in Pertang, Jelebu in 1945.

When he returned to the NRD in Seremban and reported that the Negri Sembilan Registry of Births and Deaths had certified that there was no registration of his birth, Wong was told by a counter-clerk that he should then try to prove his own birth from the birth certificates of his three children, two boys and one girl, aged ranging from 22 to 27.

It has always been the father proving the birth of his children, but in this case, Wong's three children are being asked to prove the birth of their father! How this is to be done, nobody seems to know.

This is unheard of and most ridiculous.

In Wong's case, there could be no doubt that he had been a local since 1945 as he had enrolled in the Chinese primary school in Titi, Negri Sembilan from standard one onwards.

Wong had been issued red identity cards twice in the past by the National Registration Department, but the NRD now does not want to recognise the red identity card they had issued, and want him to prove his 'birth' 47 years ago in 1945. This is most unfair.

Ministry took 14 long years to reject Wong's application for citizenship

This however is not the only problem faced by Wong. He had been trying to apply for citizenship since his school days, but without avail.

Wong's father passed away when he was very young and he was brought up by her mother, who is a citizen. When he was 12 years old and had to apply for an identity card, he

wanted to apply for citizenship. However, he was told that he could only apply for citizenship when he reaches 18 years.

When he reached 18 and applied for citizenship, he was told that he had to wait until 21 years. In the meantime, he was issued with the red identity card.

In 1969, Wong applied for citizenship and passed his Bahasa Malaysia test. He waited for 14 long years before he was informed by the Ministry of Home Affairs in a letter dated 30th April 1983 that his application for citizenship under Article 19 had been rejected.

There are tens of thousands of such cases in the country, which is most unfair and unjust.

All those in the position of Wong, who is a Malaysian in all sense of the word except that he has no citizenship status, should be granted citizenship without any more bureaucratic delays and obstruction.

DAP calls on the MCA and Gerakan Ministers to support the DAP proposal that all red identity card holders who had been born or been in the country before Malaysia's formation in 1963, should be given citizenship in a very simplified application process.

MCA Health Minister, Datuk Lee Kim Sai, should include the issue of the simplification of the citizenship application for red identity card holders in the memorandum he is presenting to the Cabinet on the issue of new identity cards.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Petaling Jaya on Friday, April 23, 1992:

Has Lee Kim Sai presented his memorandum to the Cabinet for a Simplified Guideline for applying for new I/Cs?

The Parliamentary Secretary in the Home Ministry, Ong Ka Ting, has said that state directors of National Registration Department will be meeting at the end of this week on the new guidelines to simplify the application of new identity cards.

After the Cabinet meeting last week, MCA Health Minister, Lee Kim Sai, said he had been assigned by the Cabinet to present a memorandum at the next Cabinet meeting on the problems faced by the people in applying for new identity cards.

Has Lee Kim Sai presented his memorandum to the Cabinet on the simplification in applying for new I/Cs? As the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed was in Vietnam and the Deputy Prime Minister, Ghafar Baba was hospitalised because of bee-sting, did the Cabinet meet this Wednesday?

If Lee Kim Sai had not presented his memorandum on the simplification of the new I/Cs, how could the NRD officers meet this weekend on the new guidelines to simplify the application?

Upgrading the Public Complaints Bureau to become an Ombudsman is a contradiction in terms

The Finance Minister, Anwar Ibrahim, said yesterday that the Cabinet has decided to upgrade the Public Complaints Bureau to enable it to function as an Ombudsman.

This is a contradiction in terms and shows that the Cabinet does not really understand the meaning, function and scope of reference of an Ombudsman.

An Ombudsman is not just an enlarged Public Complaints Bureau, which is a minor government department, but an institution which is separate from the Government with responsibilities and powers to investigate into all forms of government maladministration and injustices.

To ensure its independence, an Ombudsman is not answerable to the Government or any Minister, but directly to Parliament so that it is no subject to any political or Ministerial pressure.

The Public Complaints Bureau has very limited scope. It could not even investigate as to who is really responsible for the 77,000 application for new identity cards being held up in the National Registration Department - whether it is the fault of the applicants or the fault of the NRD.

How could the Public Complaints Bureau be expected to become an Ombudsman or a second Anti-Corruption Agency, as according to Anwar Ibrahim, the Public Complaints Bureau will "give top priority to corruption, abuse of power and government funds."

If the Cabinet is serious about government inefficiency, maladministration, administrative injustice, abuse of power as well as corruption and abuse of government funds, what it should do is to create an Ombudsman who is equivalent to a Parliamentary Commissioner answerable only to Parliament, as well as to introduce laws to give expanded powers to the Anti-Corruption Agency and making it an independent institution also answerable only to Parliament.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Petaling Jaya on Sunday, 26th April 1992:

DAP gives cautious welcome to the simplification in application for new identity cards but would like to know the full details

DAP gives cautious welcome to the simplification in application for new identity cards announced by the Parliamentary Secretary in the Home Ministry, Ong Ka Ting, but would like to know the full details of the Simplified Guideline which is to take effect next week.

We note that three of our proposals in our campaign against the unfairness, injustices and unnecessary expenses in the application for new identity cards have been accepted, but we do not know the outcome of another half dozen proposals we had made.

The three new measures announced yesterday are:

1. Twin counters at the National Registration office where the department will simultaneously process applications for the new identity card and applications to amend particulars in supportive documents. The DAP had called for a one-stop agency at National Registration offices so that all problems of applicants about identity cards, birth certificates and citizenship papers could all be sorted out in one spot without being sent on a runaround to different departments.

The DAP will monitor to see how the twin counter operates, as to whether it fulfils the objectives of the

DAP's proposal for a One Stop Agency for all applying for new identity cards.

2. Applicants born before 1958 in the peninsular and before 1970 in Sabah and Sarawak who do not have birth certificates no longer have to produce the document or make a statutory declaration.

This meets part of the demand of the DAP although not fully. The DAP continues to demand that the blue identity card issued by the NRD previously be accepted as full and adequate proof for the issue of the new identity card, regardless of any missing documents or errors in decades-old documents.

3. The correction of discrepancies in names and surnames to be based on the identity card and not birth certificate as previously announced by Ong Ka Ting.

I am glad that Ong Ka Ting and the National Registration Department had understood my Ipoh statement where I had warned of the great problems that would be created to applicants for the rest of their life if they amend the identity card to follow the name in the birth certificate, as they will have problems in withdrawing their EPF, Socso, bank savings and fixed deposits, insurance policies and even to sell or transfer property.

Ong Ka Ting should explain whether in the Simplified Guideline, the NRD had slashed the numerous and unnecessary expenses imposed on applicants for the new identity card, so that an applicant does not have to pay more than \$5 to apply for a new identity card.

For instance, if an applicant has a blue identity card which is regarded as 'too old', he has to pay an extra \$6 to the \$4 for the application for the new identity card. This extra \$6 fee imposition is unnecessary, unfair and should be dispensed with, as everyone has now to change into the new identity

card.

The DAP National and State Blue I/Cs committee will be approaching the various NRD offices to get copies of this new guidelines announced by the Ong Ka Ting to study whether they are satisfactory and acceptable, or whether they should be further simplified.

Welcome Speech by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, at the DAP Malaysian Green Conference held at Hotel Grand Continental, Kuala Lumpur on Sunday, 26th April 1992 at 10 a.m.

DAP calls on the Kuala Lumpur Declaration of the Second Ministerial Conference of Developing Countries on Environment and Development to insist on the attendance of President George Bush at the Earth Summit to demonstrate the seriousness and political will of the United States Government in dealing with the greatest crisis of humanity

This Malaysian Green Conference is being held on the eve of the Second Ministerial Conference of Developing Countries on Environment and Development in Kuala Lumpur beginning tomorrow, which will be the final preparatory meeting for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development to be held in Rio de Janeiro less than five weeks away.

Although the Earth Summit is basically an inter-government conference, environment and development are not purely inter-governmental issues but questions which affect the whole mankind, and it is important that the views and aspirations of all peoples and groups, and not just the governments, in all countries are given due weight and consideration at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development.

The Rio meeting is the world's last chance this century for all the governments to reach a consensus to address the threats

to the environment which have become global in scope and devastating in scale and to implement the report of the Brundtland Commission on Environment and Development in 1987, called "Our Common Future".

The central concept of the Brundtland Commission was that of "sustainable development". The report wrote:

"Sustainable development seeks to meet the needs and aspirations of the present without compromising the ability to meet those of the future. Far from requiring the cessation of economic growth, it recognises that the problems of poverty and underdevelopment cannot be solved unless we have a new era of growth in which developing countries play a large role and reap large benefits."

People are increasingly perceiving the decay of the environment as the most serious threat to their security. The increasing frequency of environmental accidents and catastrophes is a reminder that mankind's present way of living is threatening the life-support systems of the earth, which are vital to its survival.

The global ecological balance may be upset by human-made climatic change and by depletion of the ozone layer. The physical resource base is threatened by over-exploitation of land and forests. The biological resource base represented by the huge variety of species is decreasing because of deforestation and the ruthless exploitation of resources. Another dimension of environmental degradation is the threat to the health of the people. Illness caused by primarily environmental factors is increasing. The military build-up and the accumulation of armaments is, at all its stages, both a tremendous waste of resources and a contributory factor in the impoverishment of the poor countries, as well as the most serious threat to the environment.

Kuala Lumpur Conference should adopt the 'Who

Pollutes Should Pay Most' principle and ask the US, Japan and European Community to commit the financing to implement Earth Charter and Agenda 21

The 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in Brazil in June provides a unique opportunity to forge a global compact on environmental problems backed by agreement on the resources and institutions which would be needed to implement a programme of action.

Nations from all over the world should resolve to make the Earth Summit a breakthrough for mankind for achieving sustainable development.

The Kuala Lumpur Declaration of the Second Ministerial Conference of Development Countries on Environment and Development should insist on the attendance of President George Bush at the Earth Summit for the United States Government to demonstrate its seriousness and political will to resolve global environmental and developmental problems.

The question of the Malaysian Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, boycotting the Earth Summit should never arise, for the developing countries must have the common mission at the Earth Summit to impress and convince the developed nations, which created 80 per cent of the 'greenhouse gases' responsible for climatic change, of their greater responsibility to bear the bulk of the costs of cleaning up the earth's environment.

The Kuala Lumpur Conference should adopt the "Who Pollutes Should Pay Most" principle and at the Earth Summit press the industrialised countries, particularly the United States, Japan and the European Community, to commit US\$10 billion to \$20 billion a year as a start-up to implement an Earth Charter and Agenda 21 to save the earth.

DAP calls for establishment of Royal Commission of

Inquiry into the all aspects of logging in Malaysia

Malaysia's most vulnerable environmental issue is logging and destruction of the tropical rain forests in the country.

The Minister of Primary Industries, Datuk Dr. Lim Keng Yaik, has said that he would be leading a Malaysian mission overseas to counter the anti-Malaysia tropical hardwood campaign. If this is the case, then there is even less merit for the earlier idea of Malaysia boycotting the Earth Summit in Brazil, when it should become the most important forum to state Malaysia's case.

The Malaysian authorities should regard it as equally important to convince Malaysians on the logging controversy.

The use of Internal Security Act and Emergency Ordinance against environmentalists, conservationists and activists for indigenous land and cultural rights by detaining them indefinitely without trial, the condemnation of these activists as 'traitors' by Federal and State Government leaders while the mass media is manipulated and censored to black out the case of the activists, are not only serious violation of human rights in Malaysia, but are also an admission that the Government does not have a credible and strong logging policy to stand up to a full debate in the country.

Malaysia's rate of logging is well beyond the sustainable yield which can be maintained. The International Tropical Timber Organisation (ITTO) for instance, recommended early last year that Sarawak should reduce its log production to 9.2 million cubic metres a year to maintain sustainable yield, or Sarawak will run out of timber in 11 years.

However, since 1982, Sarawak had consistently logged over 10 million cubic metres a year, and reaching 18.2 million cubic metres in 1989, and 15 million cubic metres in 1990. Despite the lip-service paid by both Lim Keng Yaik and the

Sarawak Chief Minister, Tan Sri Taib Mahmud, to the recommendations of ITTO, under the Sixth Malaysia Plan, Sarawak will still be producing 16 million cubic metres in 1995.

Even in Peninsular Malaysia, under the Fifth Malaysia Plan, five states exceeded their logging quotas under the National Forest Policy from 30 per cent to 300 per cent, which did not speak well for the watchdog role of the Ministry of Primary Industries as guardian of the National Forest Policy.

DAP calls for the establishment of a Royal Commission of Inquiry into all aspects of logging in Malaysia to answer both local and international concerns about the irreversible destruction of biological diversity in Malaysia's tropical rainforests, its effects on climatic change, the destruction to the livelihood, land and cultural rights of the tribal peoples, and the injustice and corruption of the timber concession system resulting in the creation of a handful of very wealthy political elites and their allies while the masses remain in great poverty.

I am sure many of these issues and problems as well as others will be discussed in the Green Conference today, and I will therefore end by inviting Tengku Razaleigh to declare open the Conference with his address.

Press Statement

by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, in Petaling Jaya on Thursday, 30th April 1992:

DAP welcomes Mahathir's decision to attend the Earth Summit

DAP welcomes the decision by the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, to attend the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in June.

The question of Malaysia boycotting the Earth Summit should never have been raised in the first place, and shows certain basic flaws in the judgment and conduct of international relations on the part of the Barisan Nasional government.

The highest circles in Malaysia responsible for the conduct of international relations should review this whole episode, for it is not one which Malaysia can feel proud.

It is increasingly evident that the Earth Summit should not merely be a world conference of governments on the issues of environment and development, but also be a conference where the views of the peoples of the world on these two important issues are also heard.

This is because there can be great differences in the views of the governments and their people on these two great issues: with the government more concerned with short-term objectives while the people more concerned with longer-term problems.

For instance, Dr. Mahathir will be going to Brazil with the

Barisan Nasional Government's logging policy - a policy which may not necessarily have the support of the people of Malaysia themselves!

It is most unfortunate that the Malaysian Government has failed to adopt a non-partisan approach on Malaysia's approach to the Earth Summit to present a Malaysian position which has the support not only of the government parties, but of all political parties and could be said to really represent the stand of the people of Malaysia on environment and development.

Speech by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, when declaring open the DAP May Day Labour Colloquium held in Petaling Jaya on Sunday, May 3, 1992 at 10.30 a.m.

Challenge to Lim Ah Lek to introduce legislation in the current meeting of Parliament to honour his statement that the 120,000 electronic workers are 'free to join either an existing national union or form in-house unions for themselves'

In politics, one issue at present overshadows all others: the announcement by the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, in Johore Bahru on April 16 of the new Federal Government Policy not to oppose or prevent PAS from introducing hukum hudud and even to amend the Federal Constitution to impose hukum hudud with its penalties of limbs-chopping, whipping and stoning on non-Muslim Malaysians.

In labour, similarly, one issue has recently overwhelmed all others: the proposed suspension of Malaysia from the International Labour Organisation (ILO).

On April 14, 1992, it was reported in the local press that the 16-million strong International Metal Workers' Federation (IMF) would recommend the suspension of Malaysia from ILO and that Malaysia's government representatives should not be allowed to participate in the ILO general conference in Geneva in June.

The main reason cited by the IMF for its move against Malaysia is the refusal by the Malaysian government to allow the 120,000 electronic workers in the country to have a "union

of their choice" for the past 20 years.

In March, the ILO's Committee on Freedom of Association urged the Malaysian Government to amend the Trade Unions Act, 1959, to allow unionisation of employees in the electronics industry after its six previous attempts since 1977 to present allegations relating to the denial of right of workers to organise in the electronics industry in Malaysia had come up against a stone wall.

The Minister for Human Resources, Datuk Lim Ah Lek, issued a statement on the very same day of this press report, declaring that Malaysian workers, including electronic employees, enjoyed the right of association to safeguard their interests.

Datuk Lim said: "In general, they are free to join either an existing national union or form in-house unions for themselves."

In fact, if Lim Ah Lek is right, then the IMF has no case whatsoever and its recommendation for the suspension of Malaysia from ILO would be dismissed summarily.

The Minister for Human Resources must admit that his statement that workers in general are "free to join either an existing national union or form in-house unions for themselves" do not apply to the 120,000 electronic workers in the country in the past 20 years.

I challenge Lim Ah Lek to introduce legislation in the current Parliamentary meeting which will not end until May 21 to honour his statement of April 14 that the 120,000 electronic workers in Malaysia "are free to join either an existing national union or form in-house unions for themselves."

If Lim Ah Lek introduces legislation to honour his April

14 statement, then the IMF will have no case whatsoever for the suspension of Malaysia from the ILO.

The Malaysian Government must concede that one of the greatest blots on Malaysia's industrial relations record is the denial of the right of unionisation of the 120,000 electronic workers in Malaysia for the past 20 years.

The electronic workers are not only denied the right to a national union of electronic workers, but their right to form in-house union is also highly circumscribed - as illustrated by the fact that to date only five in-house unions in the electronics industry had been registered!

The DAP has declared in Parliament that we are opposed to the suspension of Malaysia from the ILO, and we want the Minister for Human Resources to take legislative action to honour his statement that the 120,000 electronic workers are "free to join either an existing national union or form in-house unions for themselves." Let Parliament pass the laws to enable the electronic workers to have this freedom of choice - whether to join a national union or an in-house union.

Mahathir's Vision 2020 has no place for trade unions and workers

For over a year, Mahathir's Vision 2020 of Malaysia becoming a fully developed nation has been the main agenda of national debate.

Has it struck Malaysians in general and trade unions and workers in particular that in Mahathir's working paper on Vision 2020, and the nine central strategic challenges which must be overcome for Malaysia to attain fully developed status, there is no reference whatsoever to the role, place or contribution of trade unions and workers?

Although Mahathir dwelt at length on "a full partnership

in economic progress", he was referring to the bumiputra/non-bumiputra relationship but never to the employer-employee partnership.

It is clear that workers and trade unions do not rate any importance in Mahathir's Vision 2020, and only workers and trade unions can rectify this great injustice.

DAP Labour Policy, Research and Service Unit to establish regular contacts with trade unions and develop position papers on labour issues in the country

These are some of the important issues to be discussed at the DAP May Day Labour Colloquium to commemorate the 1992 May Day.

DAP believes that it is not only beneficial that DAP and trade union leaders should maintain regular contacts and exchange of views about the problems of labour in the country, but that trade union leaders should have constant and regular dialogues with all political parties, including those in the government, as well.

DAP has decided to establish a DAP Labour Policy, Research and Service Unit which will establish regular contacts and exchange of views with trade union leaders and workers, develop and publicise policy and position papers on labour issues, and within our limited capabilities to provide whatever services we could to help workers particularly in unorganised establishments to defend the dignity of labour and their basic rights, as to the right to organise themselves into a union.

The holding of the DAP May Day Labour Colloquium is therefore a significant launching off for the DAP Labour Policy, Research and Service Unit, which will be headed by prominent former trade unionist, DAP National Vice Chairman and MP for Bayan Baru, Sdr. Ahmad Nor as Chairman

and with membership comprising Sdr. V. David (DAP MP for Puchong) as Vice Chairman, Sdr. Dr. Kua Kia Soong (DAP MP for Petaling Jaya) as Secretary and Sdr. P. Patto, DAP Deputy Secretary-General and Sdr. A. Sivanesan, Selangor DAPSY Secretary.

Where have the huge illegal Indonesian immigrant presence in Peninsular Malaysia disappeared to?

Malaysian workers face many acute problems. One of them stems from the presence of large illegal foreign labour in the Malaysian economy and its effect on the rights of Malaysian workers.

Although registration of foreign labour for the plantations, construction and domestic services sectors had started from Dec. 1 to June 30, the response had been poor.

At the end of last month, the Deputy Prime Minister, Ghafar Baba, was quoted as saying that 75,000 foreign workers had registered with the Immigration Department and he believed that the figure might reach 100,000 when the registration exercise ends in June.

Last week, the Parliamentary Secretary in the Home Ministry, Ong Ka Ting, said in Kuantan that 300,000 illegal immigrants in Peninsular Malaysia had not yet registered.

It has been estimated that the number of illegal Indonesian immigrants in Peninsular Malaysia is between 500,000 to 800,000.

Where have they all disappeared to, and what is the effect of such a huge presence of illegal immigrants on Malaysian workers in particular, and the people in general, with regard to their livelihood, social welfare and political rights for the short, medium and long-term?

Another problem is the plight of the estate workers. According to Human Resources Ministry's statistics, out of the 1,500 estates, 230 or 14.6 per cent have no electricity supply, and 14 estates or 0.9 per cent have no water supply.

Only 14 estates in the peninsula have implemented home ownership schemes for workers - despite a \$10 million revolving fund for home ownership programmes for plantation and mine workers since Tun Razak's premiership more than 15 years ago!

It is most shocking that the sector which had brought so much wealth to the country is the most neglected and backward sector in terms of basic amenities such as clean drinking water, electricity supply, proper living quarters as well as basic socio-economic, educational and cultural facilities.

There are many other areas which commands attention, as industrial health and safety; the proper role, function and operation of EPF and SOCSO; privatisation; workers' place in nation building and their participation in shaping the nation's destiny, and many others.

It is our hope that the DAP May Day Labour Colloquium will be the beginning of regular and constant dialogues between political parties and the labour movement, which will enable the viewpoints and aspirations of labour and trade unions to play a greater role in the determination of labour and national policies in the country.

Speech by Parliamentary Opposition Leader, DAP Secretary-General and MP for Tanjung, Lim Kit Siang, at the Penang DAP May Day Forum held at City Bayview Hotel, Penang on Friday, 8th May 1992 at 8 p.m.

The Human Resources Minister, Datuk Lim Ah Lek, cannot defend Malaysia against move to suspend Malaysia from ILO when he does not have the confidence to come to Parliament to justify the government's policy denying the 120,000 electronics workers the freedom of choice to join a national union or in-house union

One of the major issues raised by the DAP MPs in Parliament in the last two weeks was the plight of the 120,000 electronic workers in the country who have been denied the fundamental right of association and unionisation for the last 20 years.

Both the DAP MP for Bayan Baru, Sdr. Ahmad Nor and myself spoke on this issue, calling on the government to comply with international labour conventions and to recognise and respect the right of the 120,000 electronic workers to be unionised and to have the freedom of choice of joining a national union or in-house unions.

The DAP declared that it was opposed to the move by the International Metalworkers Federation (IMF) to suspend Malaysia from the International Labour Organisation (ILO) for its 20-year violation of the right of unionisation of the electronic workers in Malaysia, but stressed that the solution is for the Malaysian Government to give the 120,000 electronic workers the right of choice of either joining a national union

of electronic workers or in-house unions.

The Deputy Minister for Human Resources, Datuk M. Mahalingam, said yesterday that the Government would state its stand on the unionisation of electronics workers at the ILO conference in Geneva next month.

Mahalingam said: "The Government will do everything possible and explain its position at the conference."

DAP has no confidence that the Malaysian Government would be able to present a strong case against the charges preferred against it by the IMF.

The Minister of Human Resources, Datuk Lim Ah Lek, will not be able to defend Malaysia against the IMF proposal to suspend Malaysia from the ILO when he did not have the confidence to come to Parliament to justify the government's policy denying the 120,000 electronics workers the right to unionisation and the freedom of choice of either joining a national union of electronics workers or in-house unions.

In his speech in Parliament last Tuesday, Sdr. Ahmad Nor exposed the utter hypocrisy of Datuk Lim Ah Lek's claim that although the 120,000 electronics workers in Malaysia cannot form a national union, they have the right to form and join in-house unions. Lim Ah Lek is very proud that five electronics in-house unions had been registered.

In Parliament, Sdr. Ahmad Nor dealt with the history of each of these five registered electronics in-house unions, of how each of these five electronics in-house unions had been crushed and the leaders of these in-house unions victimised and dismissed.

The Barisan Nasional Government policy allows the registration of in-house electronics unions, only to be crushed and its leaders dismissed. In-house unions for electronics

workers exist only on the register of the Registrar of Trade Unions but not in reality. It is most short-sighted and foolhardy for Lim Ah Lek to think that in this age of instant communications, he could succeed to deceive Malaysians and the world.

If Lim Ah Lek cannot get Cabinet approval for new unionisation policy for electronics workers, he should resign instead of being the Human Resources Minister responsible for suspension of Malaysia from ILO

Lim Ah Lek's failure to appear in Parliament to defend the Government policy, and in particular to rebut Sdr. Ahmad Nor's allegations that the five registered in-house electronics workers' unions had been crushed by the employers and their leaders victimised or dismissed, shows that the Human Resources Minister is fully aware that he has a very weak case - whether in Parliament or the ILO.

This must be the reason why Lim Ah Lek decided to find a diversion and look for a scapegoat by mounting an attack on the MTUC leaders - instead of courageously asking the Cabinet to adopt a new policy to allow the 120,000 electronics workers the right of choice of joining a national union or in-house unions.

If Malaysia is suspended from the ILO next month, then the blame must lie squarely and fully on the Minister for Human Resources and the Government for refusing to comply with international labour conventions by respecting and recognising the right of association and unionisation of the 120,000 electronics workers for 20 years.

The DAP does not want to see Malaysia suspended from ILO, and this is why I would urge Datuk Lim Ah Lek to ask the Cabinet to end the 20-year government policy denying the electronics workers the right to unionisation and the freedom of choice of either joining a national union or in-house union.

If the Cabinet refuses to adopt a new unionisation policy for the 120,000 electronic workers, I would advise Datuk Lim Ah Lek to tender his resignation, instead of going down in history as the Human Resources Minister who caused Malaysia to be suspended from the ILO.



APPENDIX



EXTRACTS FROM THE HANSARDS OF DEWAN RAKYAT DURING THE MAY PARLIAMENT SESSION

Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim (Finance Minister):

Tuan Yang dipertua, perkara berikut yang dibangkitkan ialah mengenai saham STM. Saya ingin menjelaskan bahawa Kerajaan telah memutuskan untuk memperuntukkan sebanyak 10 juta saham Syarikat Telekom Malaysia kepada kaum India. Pada 29hb September, surat tawaran Kementerian Kewangan kepada MAIKA mengenai tawaran 10 juta saham telah dikeluarkan. Selepas itu, pihak pengurusan MAIKA telah memaklumkan kepada Kementerian Kewangan bahawa mereka tidak bersedia untuk mendapatkan peruntukan yang cukup besar bagi memberi kesemua saham tersebut. Pada 6hb Oktober 1990, Kementerian Kewangan telah membatalkan surat tersebut dan mengeluarkan surat kepada MAIKA dan 3 syarikat kepentingan orang-orang India. MAIKA mendapat 1 juta dan 3 syarikat berkenaan mendapat 3 juta, jadi 9 juta kesemuanya, setiap satu 3 juta.....

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Penjelasan. Nampaknya sudah habis tentang perkara ini. Adakah Yang Berhormat Menteri Kewangan sedar bahawa MAIKA sebenarnya adalah mempunyai kebolehan kewangan untuk menerima tawaran 10 juta saham Telekom, oleh kerana pada 4hb Oktober mereka memohon financing daripada Arab Malaysia Mer-

chant Banking dan 6hb Oktober kelulusan dibuat melalui satu surat kepada MAIKA.

Kedua, bukannya ini bererti bahawa ada berlaku perkara-perkara yang tidak jujur, ikhlas atau boleh kata, penyelewengan di mana 10 juta sahan yang diperuntukkan untuk MAIKA, untuk komuniti orang India sudah dihack oleh siapa, saya tak tahu, melalui ketiga-tiga syarikat, bukan untuk kepentingan orang-orang India tetapi untuk individu-individu. Kenapa Kementerian Kewangan membenarkan perkara semacam ini berlaku yang selalu berlaku apabila ada mengeluarkan saham, semacam baru-baru ini TEN pun ada berlaku, 15 juta saham dikhaskan untuk seorang pemimpin India, kenapa?

Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim: Tuan Yang di-Pertua, saya jawab, jangan bimbang. Dia selalunya Ketua Pembangkang ini dia semangat, dia ingat dia betul, bila kita jawab, dia nanti duduk. Jawapannya, Kementerian Kewangan mengeluarkan surat pada 29.9.1990. Pengurusan MAIKA Memaklumkan dia tidak bersedia. Kementerian Kewangan tidak boleh memberi penjelasan bagi MAIKA, yang ini Ketua Pembangkang mesti tanya pihak MAIKA. Cuma setelah jawapan tidak ada kesediaan, maka diberi keputusan untuk memberikan 1 juta kepada SB Management Services Sendirian Berhad, 3 juta kepada Advanced Personal Computers Sendirian Berhad dan 3 juta kepada Clearway Sendirian Berhad bertarikh 6 Oktober 1990.

Jadi soal peraturan, saya sendiri menyemak fail-fail yang berkenaan dari segi peraturan Kementerian Kewangan, kita mengikut sepenuhnya peraturan-peraturan tersebut. Soal yang dibangkitkan oleh Yang Berhormat ini menyentuh kedudukan dan keputusan Lembaga Pengarah MAIKA

yang sebenarnya di luar daripada bidang tugas dan bidang kuasa Kementerian Kewangan.

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Saya minta penjelasan. Daripada nama-nama diberikan oleh Yang Berhormat Menteri Kewangan, 3 syarikat sangat nyata syarikat bersendirian. Bagaimana Menteri Kewangan boleh membenarkan kelulusan 9 juta saham Telekom kepada 3 syarikat persendirian - mewakili siapa, atas kriteria apa, atas cara apa dan tentu mereka ketiga-tiga syarikat itu tidak boleh mewakili 1.7 juta orang India atau komuniti India, 3 syarikat persendirian! Mungkin seorang yang menguasai 3 Syarikat itu. Kenapa Kementerian Kewangan tidak siasat dan merasa puas hati sebelum membenarkan memperuntukkan 9 juta saham Telekom dan sekarang bernilai, dapat untung lebih daripada \$60 juta? Bukankah ini menunjukkan bahawa dengan sengaja atau tidak sengaja Kementerian Kewangan bersubahat dengan mereka yang tertentu supaya 9 juta saham itu dihijack oleh orang individu melalui 3 syarikat persendirian?

Dato'Sri Anwar bin Ibrahim: Tuan Yang Dipertua, saya telah beri penjelasan berdasarkan fakta, iaitu saham diserahkan kepada syarikat dan koperasi yang boleh mengagihkan kepada syarikat-syarikat dan koperasi dan pertubuhan-pertubuhan termasuk Dewan-dewan Perniagaan kepentingan orang-orang India. Ini syarat dan kriteria yang ditetapkan oleh Kementerian Kewangan. Soal sama ada perkara ini dipatuhi sepenuhnya atau tidak, ini soal yang Yang Berhormat boleh bangkitkan dengan syarikat-syarikat atau koperasi yang berkenaan. Perkara yang berikut ialah kerana Yang Berhormat dari Ketua Pembangkang dengan style dan caranya tersendiri telah membangkitkan satu tuduhan bahawa saya mengeluarkan 15 juta saham kepada

syarikat India tertentu.

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: [Bangun]

Timbalan Yang di-pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Yang Berhormat Menteri.....

Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim: Ini satu lagi pendustaan penipuan yang telah dibuat. Saya hendak sahkan di sini dalam isu saham TNB, tidak ada kelulusan 15 juta kepada mana-mana syarikat India tertentu.

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Atau individu?

Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim: Atau individu. Individu atau syarikat tertentu!

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Boleh saya minta penjelasan?

Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim: sudah tahu silap, shut up! biar saya jawab terus.

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Shut up, you sit down!

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Yang Berhormat Tanjong.....

Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim: Saya hendak sambung Tuan Yang di-Pertua, [Disampuk] saya cuma hendak.....

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Yang Berhormat boleh minta penjelasan.

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: You also shut up! [Disampuk]

Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim: Saya hendak.....

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Tak, jangan, jangan kata tak sangkut paut, kalau kata adil, mesti betul adil. [Disampuk]

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Yang Berhormat, Yang Berhormat boleh minta penjelasan, tetapi tertakluk kepada Yang Berhormat Menteri hendak beri jalan atau tidak dan saya.....

Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim: Saya hendak sambung.

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Nanti dahulu, Yang Berhormat Tanjong tadi tujukan perkataan "shut up" kepada Kerusi, saya rasa itu adalah satu penghinaan.

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Kepada sesiapa yang perlu ditujukan, dia kena! [Disampuk]

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Yang Berhormat hendak beri jalan atau tidak?

Dato, Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim: Saya hendaklah sambung penjelasan saya.

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Kalau macam itu, Tanjong sila duduk. Sila duduk!

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Penjelasan.

Dato' seri Anwar bin Ibrahim: Ya, saya hendak jawablah !

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Beri penjelasan !

Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim: Ya, tanya jawablah, duduklah.

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Saya tanya. Okay, saya hendak tanya !

Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim : Ha, duduk, duduk. Saya hendak jawab dahulu. Saya jawab dahulu !

Tuan Lim Kit Siang : saya hendak tanya.

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Dia kata tak beri jalan sekarang ini.

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Sekarang saya hendak tanya.

Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim: Minta fakta, duduklah!

Tuan Lim Guan Eng: Saya hendak tanya, okay!

Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim: Semua serupa perangai!

Seorang Ahli: Serupa!

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Kalau tak beri jalan, Yang Berhormat Menteri teruskan.

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Saya anggap jawapan Menteri pervert illogic!

Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim: Duduklah [Ketawa]

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]: Tanjong, duduk. Sila duduk. Kalau tak diberi peluang, sila duduk.

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Dalam perkara saham 9 juta, sahaja Telekom!

Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim: Ini giliran saya, giliran saya! Masa wakil-wakil Yang Berhormat dari DAP, tengok **Hansard** ini begini, masa wakil-wakil DAP berucap, bila disentuh ganggu mana beri jalan pun? Saya beri peluang sudah banyak. Dengarlah dahulu, ini tidak, soalan belum sempat jawab. Saya hendak jawab....

Tuan Lim Kit Siang Kalau minta, kita boleh beri jalan! Dia tidak beri jalan.

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]: Yang Berhormat hendaklah beri jalankah atau tidak sekarang?

Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim: Tuan Yang di-Pertua, sudah tiga kali saya jawab saya kata saya hendak beri jawapan.

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]: Kalau macam itu, teruskan.

Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim: Terima kasih. Hai, Tak faham! Tuan Yang di-Pertua, saya sudah beri penjelasan tentang fakta, tarikh dan nama syarikat yang berkenaan. Saya juga telah menjelaskan bahawa satu tuduhan yang

melampau yang dikeluarkan kononnya dalam saham TNB 15 juta telah diberi kepada syarikat atau individu India tertentu dan ini juga palsu. Saya hendak sambung sekarang ada satu lagi isu yang dibangkitkan oleh Yang Berhormat dari Nilam Puri.

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Mengenai tarikh yang diberikan?

Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim: Tarikh, 29hb September, 6hb Oktober.

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Mengenai tarikh saya mahu tanya, Yang Berhormat Menteri Kewangan kata bahawa pada tarikh 29hb September 1990, surat tawaran 10 juta saham Telekom diberi kepada MAIKA. Adakah Yang Berhormat Menteri sedar bahawa rakannya, Yang Berhormat Menteri Tenaga, Telekom dan Pos dan Presiden MIC sudah kata bahawa surat tawaran diberi pada 27hb September, bukan 29hb September. Siapa buat kesilapan, siapa buat dusta? Dan kedua, bukankah oleh kerana dalam perkara ini orang yang terlibat ialah Presiden MIC sudah pergi ke United States, tak berani datang ke Dewan ini untuk buat satu jawapan menunjukkan bahawa dalam perkara satu skandal \$60 juta saham Telekom kepada MAIKA Holdings.....

Timbalan Menteri Tenaga, Telekom dan Pos
[Dato' Mohd. Tajol Rosli bin Mohd. Ghazali]: [Bangun]

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]: Yang Berhormat nanti dahulu.

Dato' Mohd. Tajol Rosli bin Mohd. Ghazali:

Tuan Yang di-Pertua, Saya hendak minta penjelasan sedikit.

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Ini belum jawab lagi nampaknya. [Disampuk]

Dato' Mohd. Tajol Rosli bin Mohd. Ghazali:
Hendak sambung sedikit sebab tadi ada menyentuh.....[Disampuk]

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Nanti dahululah, nanti dahulu, satu demi satu.

Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim: Tuan Yang di-Pertua, dari rekod fail yang saya lihat, memang 29hb September, tetapi Yang Berhormat dari Tanjong kata Yang Berhormat Mentari Tenaga, Telekom dan Pos kata 27hb September.

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Tamil Nesan kata.

Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim: Tamil Nesan Oh, sumber.

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Itu surathabar Samy Vellu punya!

Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim: Oh, Tamil Nesan cakap 27 September.

Tuan Lim Kit Siang Ikut Samy Vellu!

Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim: Saya kata 29, silap dua hari. Boleh jadi Jabatan Pos punya hal, saya tidak tahulah, [Ketawa] tetapi saya tengok rekod ini begini.

Tuan Yang di-Pertua, saya hendak sambung mengenai kes yang dibangkitkan oleh Yang Berhormat dari Nilam Puri.

Dato' Mohd. Tajol Rosli bin Mohd. Ghazali:
[Bangun]

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua, [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Yang Berhormat, Timbalan Menteri bangun.

Dato' Seri Mohd. Tajol Rosli bin Mohd. Ghazali:
Tuan Yang di-Pertua, Saya hendak minta penjelasan sedikit daripada Yang Berhormat Menteri Kewangan sama ada beliau sedar bahawa Yang Berhormat Menteri Tenaga, Telekom dan Pos telah diberikan cuti kerana pergi medical leave ke United States.

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Selepas perkara ini dibongkar?
[Ketawa]

Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim: Tuan Yang di-Pertua, saya sedar memang ada cuti uzur dan bila orang cuti uzur, jangan kita ketawa. Kita pun lambat laun....

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: \$60 juta jangan main-main!

Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim: Tidak soal juta ringgit, ini soal lain.

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: \$60 juta mewakili kaum India di Malaysia, jangan main-main!

Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim: Soal orang sakit ini janganlah kita ketawa, kita pun besok sakit juga [Ketawa]

Tuan Lim Guan Eng: Menteri tak sakit, mana ada sakit?

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]: Cukuplah.

Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim: Tuan Yang di-Pertua.....

Tuan Lim Kit siang: Orang kaya mana boleh sakit?

Tuan Lim Guan Eng: [Menyampuk]

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]: Yang Berhormat Kota Melaka diingatkan jangan cakap tanpa keizinan. Teruskan Menteri. [Disampuk]

Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim: Dua-dua beranak serupa! [Disempuk] Ha, tengok, amboi, berlawan pula dah. [ketawa]

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]: Ini bukan tingkah laku yang patut digalakkan.

Tuan Lim Guan Eng: Penjelasan!

Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim: Apa dia? Minta penjelasan fasal apa pula? Tadi tanya sakit, saya kata yalah sakit, tetapi daripada maklumat yang saya dapat, tetapi kalau tanya sakit apa, tanya doktorlah! [Ketawa]

Ghani bin Othman (Deputy Finance Minister) Tuan Yang di-Pertua, saya merujuk kepada perkara yang dibangkitkan oleh Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Tanjong.

Kerajaan telah menawarkan \$10 juta saham Telekom Malaysia Berhad kepada kaum India. Pada mulanya tawaran tersebut telah dibuat kepada MAIKA bagi keseluruhan \$10 juta saham tersebut. Walau bagaimanapun, atas nasihat pihak MAIKA, disebabkan kedudukan kewangannya yang tidak kukuh, Kementerian Kewangan telah megagihkan semula tawaran \$10 juta saham tersebut kepada kaum India melalui MAIKA \$1 juta, dan \$3 juta saham bagi setiap 3 syarikat lain dicadangkan oleh MAIKA, iaitu S.B. Management Services Sendirian Berhad, Advanced Personal Computers Sdn. Bhd., dan Careway Sdn. Bhd.

Persoalan mengenai pemilikan 3 syarikat lain yang dicadangkan oleh MAIKA tersebut, Kementerian Kewangan menerimanya 'in good faith' dan tidak mempersoalkan status dan kedudukan ketiga-tiga syarikat berkenaan kerana persoalan pengagihan saham seterusnya kepada kaum India adalah terserah kepada budi bicara dan tanggungjawab pihak-pihak berkenaan yang telah diperuntukkan saham-saham tersebut.

Mengenai sama ada wujud peruntukan saham Telekom Malaysia khas bagi kaum Cina, adalah dimaklumkan bahawa tidak ada peruntukan sedemikian. Seperti yang diperuntukkan bagi kaum bumiputera dan kaum India kerana kaum Cina adalah sedia aktif dalam pegangan ekuiti saham dan aktiviti pelaburan di Bursa Saham Kuala Lumpur kerana tahap kemampuan serta kefahaman dan pengalaman mereka memang telah jelas diketahui umum. Dalam hubungan ini, tahap pegangan ekuiti kaum-kaum Cina dalam syarikat-syarikat yang disenaraikan di Bursa Saham Kuala Lumpur adalah sedia aktif dan dengan demikian tidak memerlukan tawaran khas seperti yang diberikan kepada kaum bumiputera dan kaum India.

Menjawab serentak soalan daripada.....

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: [Bangun]

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Yang Berhormat.

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Minta penjelasan demi kepentingan orang ramai. Tadi Yang Berhormat Timbalan Menteri kata bahawa ada diperuntukkan \$10 juta saham Telekom kepada MAIKA. Adakah beliau sedar bahawa Pengerusi MAIKA, Tan Sri G. Pasamanickam sudah kata bahawa beliau tidak tahu langsung mengenai peruntukan itu. Beliau sebagai Pengerusi MAIKA baru tahu peruntukan \$1 juta. Bukankah ini menunjukkan bahawa ada skandal, ada salahguna kuasa, ada penyelewengan yang perlu disiasat?

Tuan Abdul Ghani bin Othman: Tuan Yang di-Pertua, saya sudah jawab daripada awal tadi mengatakan bahawa di peringkat melaksanakan keputusan Kerajaan, bahawa Kerajaan membuat pendirian 'in good faith' untuk kepentingan masyuaratkan kaum India. Kalau sekiranya ada perkara-perkara yang berbangkit daripada langkah tersebut, maka pihak Kementerian Kewangan khususnya bersedia untuk diambil langkah-langkah sama ada oleh pihak BPR atau siapa-siapa untuk menyiasat tentang perkara ini.

Tuan Lim Kit Siang [Tanjong]: Tuan Yang di-Pertua, saya bangun untuk Mengambil bahagian dalam rang Undang-undang untuk meminda Akta Kebankrapan 1967 dan saya akan bincangkan daripada dua aspek.

Aspek pertama ialah mengenai pemimpin-pemimpin

politik yang menjadi bankrap dan kedua ialah kelakuan-kelakuan pemimpin-pemimpin parti-parti politik yang membankrapkan rakyat jeata semacam MAIKA Holdings, dan saya harap bahawa yang Berhormat Menteri sekarang masuk ke dalam dan jangan lari. Yang Berhormat Menteri Tenaga, Telekom dan Pos, masuk sekarang dan jangan lari.

Yang pertama, kita tahu mengenai peruntukan di dalam Fasal 4 yang bertujuan untuk meminda Seksyen 5 Akta bagi menaikkan amaun miniman hutang yang perlu seseorang penghutang berhubung, dari \$2,000 kepada \$10,000 sebelum seseorang pemiutang boleh mengemukakan petisyen kebangkrapan terhadap penghutang itu.

Pemimpin-pemimpin politik Barisan Nasional akan untung, oleh kerana sekarang, seperti yang Berhormat Menteri ada sebut tadi iaitu mengenai angka-angka, lebih ramai orang menjadi bankrap. Dia tidak sebutkan lebih ramai pemimpin-pemimpin Barisan Nasional dari UMNO, MCA dan MIC menjadi bangkrap. Dengan pindaan ini akan memudahkan dan membolehkan pemimpin-pemimpin politik melakukan jenayah, penipuan, breach of trust dan terus boleh memegang jawatan politiknya. Itulah satu hakikat daripada pindaan kepada Akta Kebankrapan ini. Bukan? Itu benar, itu benar. Oleh kerana moraliti Barisan Nasional sudah begitu rendah dan teruk sehingga mereka perlu meminda Akta Kebankrapan untuk menyelamatkan pemimpin-pemimpin Barisan Nasional dari kebangkrapan.[Tepuk]

Kita tahu, orang-orang bankrap masih boleh mendapat layanan istimewa. Adakah Yang Berhormat Menteri tidak tahu? Adakah Akta ini hanya untuk segolongan orang yang tidak ada hubung-kait (connection) dengan

mereka yang berkuasa di dalam politik? Tetapi untuk mereka yang berada di pusat corridors of power, sungguhpun mereka bankrap, tetapi mereka mendapat layanan yang istimewa dan bukan sahaja mereka dapat pergi ke mana-mana di seluruh dunia, tetapi naik kapalterbang dengan tiket first class. Adakah Yang Berhormat Menteri tidak tahu itu? dia tahu. Saya percaya Yang Berhormat Menteri bukan dia tidak tahu tetapi dia jumpa si bankrap-bankrap itu di dalam kapalterbang di tempat first class bila pergi ke luar negeri to wine and to dine, bukan? Tetapi datang ke sini dan kata, 'ooh! Kita mahu ketatkan, kita mahu pindakan'', tetapi bila jumpa si bankrap di tempat first class di dalam kapalterbang - kawan baik.

Semua Menteri-menteri serta Timbalan Menteri sudah ada jumpa, wine and dine di tempat first class dengan sibankrap-sibankrap di dalam Barisan Nasional. Inilah morality! Kalau mahu saya sebut nama, saya boleh sebut nama. Mahu? Tidak mahulah. Kalau mahu, saya boleh sebut [Disampuk]. Tidak mahulah. [Disampuk] Sebenarnya kalau kita mahu timbang perkara ini, angka \$2,000? sepatutnya dilihat pada keseluruhannya. Kenapa ada \$2,000? Bukan ini diadakan dalam Akta Kebankrapan sahaja. Orang-orang yang kena denda \$2,000 lebih dan lain-lain dalam apa-apa kesalahan, sungguhpun tidak ada membayangkan moral turpitude, tetapi mungkin political repression, political discrimination, mereka mungkin hilang kelayakan untuk menjadi wakil rakyat, untuk dipilih, untuk undi pun. Kalau \$2,000 sekarang patut dipinda supaya pemimpin-pemimpin Barisan Nasional boleh lebih bankrap daripada segi kewangan sebelum daripada segi undang-undang menjadikan orang bankrap, patutlah \$2,000 itu dikaji pada keseluruhannya, sama ada patut dikekalkan undang-undang di mana mereka yang bersabit kesalahannya

dan di denda \$2,000 atas kesalahan-kesalahan yang seperti saya katakan tidak ada bersangkut-paut dengan korupsi, pecah amanah, moral turpitude, tetapi mungkin diskriminasi politik seperti katalah tidak ada permit untuk assembly - sungguhpun kita tahu Menteri-menteri selalu ada unlawfull assemblies - semua itu patut dikaji dan dipinda. Itu yang pertama.

Kedua, apabila kita ada pindaan kepada Akta Kebankrpan, kita perlu mengkaji dan menimbang masalah-masalah sosial, ekonomi dan politik yang mengakibatkan dan menyebabkan orang menjadi bankrap. tidak guna ada undang-undang untuk Kebankrpan kalau kita tidak ambil kita perkara yang lebih pokok ini, semacam tindakan-tindakan pucuk pimpinan MIC yang menyebabkan begitu ramai pemegang-pemegang saham MAIKA menghadapi masalah-masalah kewangan sehingga menghadapi masalah kebangkrapan. Nampaknya Yang Berhormat Menteri dan President MIC takut masuk, takut. Dia tahu, Saya sudah sampai kepada perkara yang beliau pura-pura kata, dia mahu duduk, berani tunggu, tetapi bila sampai, dia lari. **[Ketawa]**

Ini dia lari ada sebab, oleh kerana apa beliau buat, apa Presiden MIC buat, apa pemimpin-pemimpin MIC buat dalam perkara skandal saham-saham Telekom-MAIKA Holdings, hijacking 9 juta saham itu, satu criminal act, satu criminal breach of trust, tindakan jenayah yang dilakukan oleh Menteri Kabinet, dilakukan oleh Presiden MIC, criminal action with a criminal mind. Ask the criminal to come in. **[Tepuk]** Inilah satu perkara yang menyebabkan begitu ramai pemegang-pemegang

[Menteri Tenaga, Telekom dan Pos [Dato' Seri

S. Samy Vellu] memasuki Dewan]

Oh! The criminal has come, good. You have no choice but to come back now! You have no choice but to come back now!

Dato' Seri S. Samy Vellu: I will fight with you, don't worry. I will fight.

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Saya tidak mahu fight with you but I want to fight bagi pihak 66,000 pemegang saham MAIKA, [Diganggu] yang dianiayai oleh Yang Berhormat Menteri, yang dianiayai oleh Persiden MIC.

Dato' Seri S. Samy Vellu: Mana ada 66,000? Itupun tidak tahu, Bodoh.

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]: Yang Berhormat Dato' Menteri, sabar. Ketua Pembangkang teruskan ucapan yang bersabit dengan Rang Undang-undang.

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Ini bersabit dengan Rang Undang-undang, Keadaan yang menyebabkan masalah-masalah kebangkrapan yang dihadapi oleh rakyat jelata.

Dato' Seri S. Samy Vellu: [Bangun]

Seorang Ahli: [Menyampuk]

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]: Yang Berhormat bangun atas apa?

Dato' Seri S. Samy Vellu: Tuan Yang di-Pertua, dalam Rang Undang-undang ini, yang sedang kita

bincangkan, mana ada satu pihak **[Diganggu]** berkenaan dengan perkara yang dibangkitkan oleh Ahli Yang Berhormat.

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Takut! Kenapa begitu takut?

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]: Yang Berhormat, kalau Yang Berhormat Dato' Menteri bangkitkan point of order, Ketua Pembangkang boleh duduk sebentar. Ada point of order yang hendak dibangkitkan?

Dato' Seri S. Samy Vellu: Ya.

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]: Point of order yang ke-berapa Yang Berhormat?

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Takutlah.....

Dato' Seri S. Samy Vellu:36(6). Sangkaan jahat dan tidak ada berkaitan dengan perbincangan yang berlaku sekarang. **[Disampuk]**

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]: Nanti dahulu, sangkaan jahat itu 36(6). Dan yang keduanya, terpesong ataupun terkeluar daripada tajuk 36(1). Jadi, ada dua.

Beberapa Ahli DAP: [Menyampuk]

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]: Janganlah Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat di sini riuh-rendah sangat. Jadi, saya minta Yang Berhormat Ketua Pembangkang Balik kepada tajuk dan cuba dengan sebolehnya tidak melibatkan individu. Dan saya rasa kita

semua di sini cukup matang bila kita berbahas dan berhujah. Sila teruskan.

Seorang Ahli: Kita tahulah.

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Satu skandal \$71 juta, begitu consequent kepada begitu ramai berribu-ribu orang

Dato' Seri S. Samy Vellu: Standing Order 36(1).
[Disampuk]

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Nanti dahulu.

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Belum habis lagi....

Dato' Seri S. Samy Vellu: Ahli Yang Berhormat membincangkan keluar daripada apa yang kita bincangkan dalam Dewan ini, tidak ada kaitan dengan Bil yang kita bincangkan sekarang.

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Baik. Saya telah buat keputusan (ruling). Saya berharap Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Tanjong balik kepada tajuk. Rang Undang-undang yang kita bincangkan sekarang ini bersabit dengan kebangkrapan, dan saya rasa apa yang dibangkitkan tadi mungkin terkeluar.

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Tidak terkeluar. Apa saya sebut ialah mengenai masalah yang mengakibatkan masalah kebangkrapan

Dato' Seri S. Samy Vellu: [Menyampuk]

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Jangan takutlah, if you want to fight, is this the way to fight, by running away.....

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Nanti dahulu. Dan saya rasa keputusan itu bukan datang dari Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Tanjong, tetapi keputusan itu dari Kerusi.

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Jangan paksa saya keluaran hal ehwal korupsi MCA.

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Itu terpulang kepada Yang Berhormat....

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Yang mengakibatkan kebangkrapan kepada begitu ramai orang rakyat jelata.

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Yang Berhormat, cakap apa yang wajar bersabit dengan Rang Undang-undang dan tiada sesiapa yang berhak mengeluarkan kata-kata ugutan. Yang Berhormat, ambil perhatian. Teruskan.

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Kalau ugutan perlu dibuat, akan dibuat.

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]: Tetapi akibatnya kena ditanggung oleh sesiapa yang berucap.

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Terhadap sesiapa yang perlu tanggung, perlu tanggung.

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Cakap terus.

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Inilah perkara yang mustahak. Tidak guna kita bincang Akta Kebankrapan, kalau kita tidak mahu fikir masalah yang menimbulkan masalah kebangkrapan semacam tindakan jenayah Yang Berhormat Menteri. [Tepuk]

Dato' Seri S. Samy Vellu: Tuan Yang di-Pertua, dalam point of order, perkara yang dibincangkan di dalam Dewan ini tidak ada kaitan dengan apa yang dikatakan oleh Ahli Yang Berhormat. [Disampuk]

Yang kedua - dalam point of order - [Disampuk] Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Tanjong, dia bincang sebagai seorang bodoh, sebagai seorang bodoh, [Disampuk] [Sorak] oleh kerana perkara ini sudah ada dalam siasatan ACA, dia bukan ACA.

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]: Yang Berhormat, cukup jelas - maksud Yang Berhormat Dato' Menteri cukup jelas. Saya telah buat keputusan dan saya rasa sesiapa kalau hendak mencelah, kena minta keizinan dahulu. Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Tanjong, sila ambil perhatian, balik kepada tajuk. Sekiranya tidak, saya terpaksa memberhentikan ucapan Yang Berhormat mengikut 44(1).

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Masalah kebangkrapan yang dihadapi oleh pemegang-pemegang saham MAIKA 100% kena-mengena dengan Akta ini. [Tepuk]

Dato' Seri S. Samy Vellu: Tuan Yang di-Pertua,

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]: Nanti dahulu Yang Berhormat. Saya telah buat keputusan dan saya rasa Ketua Pembangkang baru sahaja berucap.

[Diganggu] Yang Berhormat, sabar! Sampai masanya saya akan buat keputusan.

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Dalam Perbahasan kita, kita perlu bincang keadaan-keadaan, kes-kes di mana kebangkrapan boleh berlaku semacam skandal saham Telekom-MAIKA Holdings - \$71 juta, di mana Yang Berhormat Menteri bertanggungjawab.

Dato Seri S. Samy Vellu: Standing Order 36(1).

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Ya.

Dato Seri S. Samy Vellu: Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Tanjong tidak hormat kepada Tuan Yang di-Pertua dan arahan Tuan Yang di-Pertua. Saya minta Tuan Yang di-Pertua beri arahan kepada Ahli itu untuk mengikuti Standing Orders.

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Baik. Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Tanjong dan Yang Berhormat Dato' Menteri, Saya rasa telah cukuplah. Apa yang saya sarankan tadi cukup jelas. Sekiranya Yang Berhormat dari Tanjong hendak membangkitkan apa yang dicakapkan itu tadi, saya rasa ada peluang dan gelangnya. Sekarang ini Rang Undang-undang ini saya rasa tidak ada kena-mengena langsung dengan apa yang diungkit-ungkitkan itu. **[Diganggu]** Dan saya rasa Ahli Yang Berhormat kalau terus bersikap degil, saya terpaksa memberhentikan Yang Berhormat berucap mengenai Rang Undang-undang ini.

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Saya bincang mengenai

masalah kebangkrapan. Adakah masalah kebangkrapan yang akan dihadapi oleh pemegang-pemegang saham, satu perkara yang kita tidak mahu, tidak boleh sebut, tidak boleh bincang, adakah itu kelas yang terendah....

Dato' Seri S. Samy Vellu: [Menyampuk]

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Mereka sudah menjadi 'un-touchables' di tanahair kita. Tidak! Mereka pun rakyat Malaysia, mereka pun ada hak dan kita pun perlu menjaga kepentingan mereka.

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Yang Berhormat, kalau terus

Dato' Seri S. Samy Vellu: Tidak hormat manusia.

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: MIC takut, samseng. Apa yang berlaku semalam samseng....

Dato' Seri S. Samy Vellu: Nasib baik you tidak mari semalam. [Disampuk] Kalau you mari semalam, you kena. [Sorak]

Seorang Ahli: [Menyampuk]

Dato' Seri S. Samy Vellu: You ingat orang MIC bodoh? [Disampuk]

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Cukup.

Dato' Seri S. Samy Vellu: [Menyampuk]

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Kalau berani, dengar dan jawab.

Dato' Seri S. Samy Vellu: Tuan Yang di-Pertua,
36(1)

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Yang Berhormat, saya rasa peluang yang cukup, masa yang cukup, telahpun diberi kepada kedua-dua pihak, dan saya rasa

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Saya hold the floor. Yang Berhormat Menteri ganggu saya.

Dato' Seri S. Samy Vellu: Tohmahan-tohmahan dari DAP ini tidak ada bukti.

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Yang Berhormat Dato' Menteri, Bertenang.

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Kenapa dia ganggu saya?

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Bertenang, dan sekiranya hendak membangkitkan point of order, ikutlah peraturan.

Dato' Seri S. Samy Vellu: Tuan Yang di-Pertua,
point of order 36(1).

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Kalau dia bangun, saya bagi.

Dato' Seri S. Samy Vellu: Saya sudah bangun. Tuan Yang di-Pertua, perkara-perkara yang kita bincang sekarang ialah berkenaan dengan Akta Kebankrapan. Dan

juga Ahli Yang Berhormat dari Tanjong telah menuduh beberapa kali tohmahan-tohmahan itu tidak ada apa-apa

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Yang Berhormat, saya faham itu.

Dato' Seri S. Samy Vellu: No evidence! No evidence! Yes. [Disampuk]

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Cukuplah Yang Berhormat. Kalaupun hendak membangkitkan isu MAIKA Holdings itu, saya rasa sekarang bukan masanya. Ada gelanggang yang lain. Dan Yang Berhormat dari Tanjong, saya telah beri kata dua dan saya rasa Yang Berhormat, silalah balik kepada tajuk. Dan kalaupun hendak bincangkan MAIKA Holdings itu bukan sekarang. Cukup jelas, itu terpulang.

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Kita faham bahawa skandal di negara kita bukan MIC sahaja, MCA pun banyak [Ketawa] MIC pun banyak, lebih dahsyat daripada MAIKA Holdings scandal.....

Dato' Seri S. Samy Vellu: 36(1).....

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: ...dan kita tahu kenapa mahu jaga masing-masing.....

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Tanjong, nanti sekejap. Point of order lagi.....

Dato' Seri S. Samy Vellu: Point of order 36(1).....

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: 36(1), boleh!

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Sila duduk, sebentar ya!

Dato' Seri S. Samy Vellu: Dewan yang mulia ini sedang berbincang berkenaan dengan Akta Kebankrapan, bukan berkenaan dengan skandal!

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Ya.

Dato' Seri S. Samy Vellu: Saya minta tindakan daripada Yang Berhormat Speaker.

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Baik. Saya terpaksa menggunakan kuasa yang diberi di bawah Peraturan Mesyuarat 44(1).....

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: [Bangun]

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Sila duduk dahulu, saya buat keputusan, faham?

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Boleh.

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Saya terpaksa memperhentikan Yang Berhormat Tanjong daripada berucap.....

Ahli-ahli DAP: [Sorak]

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Saya terpaksa.....

Ahli-ahli DAP: [Menyampuk]

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Setiausaha Pemuda MCA.....ha, mahu tutup skandal MIC.....

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Cukup!

Tuan Lim Kit Siang:oleh kerana saya mahu sebut skandal MCA.....

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Cukup!

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Itulah takut. Sebab itu MCA mahu jaga MIC oleh kerana sama-sama korup.....

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Cukuplah Yang Berhormat!

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Sama-sama korup, bukan? Sebab itu takut.....

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Cukuplah.....

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: [Menyampuk]

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Nada yang tinggi tak dapat menyelamatkan Yang Berhormat.....

Tuan Lim Kit Siang:korup sahaja tak cukup. Mewakili parti yang begitu korup sehingga mahu jaga Yang Berhormat.....

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Yang Berhormat!

Tuan Lim Kit Siang:criminal action Presiden
MIC.....

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Yang Berhormat!

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: ...dengan samseng-samseng
semalam yang hentam dan pukut wanita-wanita.....

Ahil-ahli DAP: [Sorak]

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Yang Berhormat Tanjong!

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: [Menyampuk]

Ahli-ahli DAP: Samseng! Korup!

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: [Menyampuk]

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Yang Berhormat Tanjong terus bersikap liar.... **[Diganggu]**

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Oh, bersikap liar.....bias!

Ahli-ahli DAP: Bias! bias! bias!

Seorang Ahli DAP: Turun daripada Kerusi!

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
...dan saya rasa saya kena menyebut nama Yang Berhormat

Tanjong... [Diganggu]

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: ...mana boleh gunakan tempat sendiri untuk jaga kongsi. Turun daripada Kerusi! Turun daripada Kerusi!

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
...Yang Berhormat Lim Kit Siang.....

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: [Menyambuk]

Ahli-ahli DAP: [Sorak]

Tambilan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Bentara diminta untuk mengeluarkan Yang Berhormat Lim Kit Siang dari Tanjong, sila.

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: [Menyampuk]

Ahli-ahli DAP: [Sorak]

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Sila keluarkan dia!

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: [Menyampuk]

Tuan Lim Guan Eng: [Menyampuk]

Tuan Lau Dak Kee: [Menyampuk]

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Keluarkan dia!

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Turun daripada Kerusi oleh

kerana you tidak layak.....

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Keluarkan Tanjong!

Ahli-ahli DAP: [Menyampuk]

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Apabila Tuan Yang di-Pertua.....

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Keluar Tanjong!

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: [Menyampuk]

Dato' Seri S. Samy Vellu: Malulah!

Seorang Ahli DAP: Resignlah!

Dato' Seri S. Samy Vellu: [Menyampuk]

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Yong Berhormat Dato' Menteri, sabar. Tanjong tetap dikeluarkan!

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Turun daripada Kerusi.

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Itu bukan terpalang kepada Tanjong. Keluarkan!

Ahli-ahli DAP: Turun! Turun! Turun! Turun!
Turun! Turun! Turun! Turun! [sambil menepuk meja]

Menteri di Jabatan Perdana Menteri dan Menteri

Undang-undang [Dato' Syed Hamid bin Syed Jaafar Albar]: Tuan Yang di-Pertua, saya suka mencadangkan Yang Berhormat dari Tanjong dikeluarkan serta-merta daripada Dewan, mengikut peruntukan Peraturan Mesyuarat 44(3).

Menteri Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan [Dato' Dr Ting Chew Peh]: Saya mohon menyokong.

Ahli-ahli DAP: Turun! Turun! Turun! Turun! Turun! Turun!

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]: Keluarkan juga!

Dato' Syed Hamid bin Syed Jaafar Albar: Saya sudah cadangkan.

Ahli-ahli DAP: Turun! Turun! Turun! Turun! Turun!

Dato' Syed Hamid bin Syed Jaafar Albar: Tuan Yang di-Pertua, memandangkan keadaan Dewan ini telah dibuat begini dengan tidak mengikut prosedur, saya mencadangkan supaya kita menangguhkan Dewan ini selama 20 minit untuk menentukan Ahli Yang Berhormat berkenaan keluar.

Ahli-ahli DAP: Turun! Turun! Turun! Turun! Turun! Turun!

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]: Yang Berhormat sekalian, dengan ini memandangkan keadaan kacau-bilau yang dibangkitkan oleh Yang

Berhormat Tanjong serta Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat dari DAP, saya terpaksa menempohkan Majlis Mesyuarat selama 15 minit. [Sorak]

Persidangan ditempohkan pada pukul 4.46 petang.

Persidangan disambung semula pada pukul 5.07 petang

[Timbalan Yang di-Pertua mempengerusikan Mesyuarat]

Ahli-ahli DAP: [Sorak] [Boo!]

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: [Bangun]

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Yang Berhormat nanti dahulu!

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Saya belum habis, bolehkah saya sambung ucapan saya?

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Yang Berhormat nanti dahulu, sebab tadi terganggu, sebentar.
[Sorak]

Menteri di Jabatan Perdana Menteri dan Menteri Undang-undang [Dato' Syed Hamid bin Syed Jaafar Albar]: [Bangun]

Tambalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Ya, Yang Berhormat Menteri ada sesuatu?

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Dato' Syed Hamid bin Syed Jaafar Albar: Tuan Yang di-Pertua, mengikut peruntukan Standing Order 44(2), oleh kerana.... **[Diganggu]**

Tuan Lim Kit Siang: Ucapan saya belum habis.....

Dato' Syed Hamid bin Syed Jaafar Albar: Tuan Yang di-Pertua.....

Beberapa Ahli: **[Menyampuk] [Sorak]**

Dato' Syed Hamid bin Syed Jaafar Albar: oleh kerana sudah berlaku haru-biru **[Disampuk]** oleh itu..... **[Disampuk]** Menurut Peraturan Mesyuarat 44(2) Oleh Kerana haru-biru telah berlaku, maka saya suka mencadangkan di bawah 44(3)... **[Sorak] [Disampuk]**

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]: Sokongan?

Dato' Syed Hamid bin Syed Jaafar Albar: Nanti saya bacakan Usul yang saya hendak bawa. Saya cadangkan: **[Diganggu] [Sorak]**

Bahawa di bawah Peraturan mesyuarat 44(3) Tuan Lim Kit Siang digantung kerja sebagai Ahli Majlis selama tempoh Persidangan Mesyuarat ini.

Tuan Yang di-Pertua, saya mohon mencadangkan.

Menteri Perdagangan Dalam Negeri dan Hal Ehwal Pengguna [Dato' Haji Abu Hassan bin Haji Omar]: Tuan Yang di-Pertua, saya mohon menyokong. [Diganggu]

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Dua orang. Siapa lagi.

Ahli-ahli DAP: [Mengganggu] Turun! Turun! Turun! Turun! Turun! Turun!

Menteri Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan [Dato' Dr Ting Chew Peh]: Tuan Yang di-Pertua, saya mohon menyokong. [Sorak]

Ahli-ahli DAP: [Mengganggu] Turun! Turun! Turun! Turun! Turun! Turun! Turun!

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat sekalian [Sorak] bersabit dengan Usul yang dikemukakan oleh Yang Berhormat Menteri mengikut Peraturan Mesyuarat 44(3), [Sorak] Saya dengan ini mengemukakan Usul ini untuk diputuskan oleh Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat sekalian. [Sorak]

Usul dikemuka bagi diputuskan dan disetujui,

Diputuskan,

Bahawa di bawah Peraturan Mesyuarat 44(3) Tuan Lim Kit Siang digantung kerja sebagai Ahli Majlis selama tempoh Persidangan ini.

Ahli-ahli DAP: [Mengganggu] [Sorak] Turun!
Turun! Turun! Turun! Turun!

PENANGGUHAN MESYUARAT

Timbalan Yang di-Pertua [Tuan Ong Tee Keat]:
Dan Memandangkan keadaan kacau-bilau yang terus dibangkitkan oleh sesetengah Ahli Yang Berhormat, saya terpaksa menggunakan kuasa saya untuk menangguhkan Majlis Mesyuarat pada hari ini hingga Selasa depan, pukul 2.30 petang. **[Sorak] [Boo!]**

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