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ALOR SETAR, Aug 6¹⁹⁹¹ (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today the possibility of MIC being de-registered was there because the Registrar of Societies can act against any organisation which failed to comply with the law. (P)

But, he was confident the party had taken steps to avoid being de-registered as had happened to Umno in 1987.

He was commenting on a recent news report the party faced possible de-registration for postponing its annual general meeting scheduled to be held last week.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said since the matter concerned the law, the possibility of de-registration existed.

MIC has not held its annual general meeting since 1989.

The news report quoted a senior party official as saying that the postponement contravened the party's constitution and Societies' Act. -- more

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Asked if he should advise MIC President, Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu, on the matter in his capacity as Barisan Nasional chairman, he said: +Datuk Seri Samy Vellu already knows... I think it is not necessary to advise+.

On claims that the postponement was caused by in-fighting for the post of Vice-President and the existence of a group of +President's men+ in the party, he said it an internal problem of the party.

He also said that other parties could adopt his advise to Umno when it face a keen contest at one time, if they considered the advise useful to them.

One of his advice then was that the party president should not take sides with any of the candidates in the contest. -- Bernama

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