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MCA CANDIDATE LIST BEING FINALISED, SAYS DR LING

BENTONG, Oct 16 (Bernama) -- The MCA candidate list for the general election is being finalised, said MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik today.

"It is 99 per cent completed. I still need to send it to Barisan Nasional (BN) chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and get his approval," he told reporters after opening the MCA election workshop at the Selesa Hill Homes Golf Resort, Bukit Tinggi near here.

On several ministers and deputy ministers reportedly would be dropped from the list, he said some had expressed desire to retire from politics.

"You'll know later," he said.

On the election pact involving opposition PAS, DAP, PRM and Keadilan, Dr Ling who is also Transport Minister said it would not last long because there was no clear understanding among them.

"Unlike the opposition, the BN would first discuss a proposed law and if the law does not benefit all communities, it would not be tabled," he said.

DAP secretary-general Lim Kit Siang had said yesterday that the party would not support the apostasy bill which PAS deputy president Abdul Hadi Awang hoped to table in next week's sitting of Parliament.

Lim said the DAP also rejected the formation of an Islamic state and that its cooperation with PAS was only in matters involving restoration of justice, democracy and a government with integrity.

Dr Ling said there was clearly a lack of understanding among the opposition parties and they would be of no much good to the people.

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