

# Chua's removal normal, says PM

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KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today said the removal of Datuk Chua Jui Meng as the Kedah MCA chief should not be made an issue and overly sensationalised.

He said such decisions were normal and even he himself was replaced as the Kelantan Umno liaison chief after 10 years.

"I am sure certain quarters would be happy if there was infighting among the MCA leaders. But, the decision to remove Chua was for the betterment of the party and nothing else," said Dr Mahathir, who is BN chairman.

He said this after the Barisan Nasional supreme council meeting.

He added that whenever there were State-level problems among any component parties, it was common for a leader from the Federal-level to be appointed to head the party (at State level).

He also said Chua's removal was not related to the recent takeover of Nanyang Press by the MCA.