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KUALA LUMPUR: Umno has again urged the feuding factions in MCA to put aside their differences and focus on the Indera Kayangan by-election, saying both sides should shelve their proposed nationwide gatherings.

Indera Kayangan election campaign co-ordinator Tan Sri Muhammad Muhammad Taib said both teams must take heed of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's advice to "cool off."

"Please stop it because such things could ruin Barisan Nasional's chances of retaining Indera Kayangan," he said.

Muhammad, who is an Umno vice-president, said MCA could go back to its party matters after the by-election and "work things out then," he said.

"At the moment, the priority is for MCA to get every Chinese vote while Umno will make sure it delivers the Malay votes. The MIC and PPP will deliver the Indian votes," he added.

As campaign co-ordinator, he said he would like to see Barisan getting a headstart in the campaigning.

"We have to put our house in order. I hope the MCA understands this and gets to work immediately," he said in an interview here yesterday.

Muhammad said he would get in touch with MCA leaders soon to "streamline everything".

"We want undivided Chinese support through MCA. This is a priority because Barisan is fielding a Chinese candidate," he said.