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Chua: Conflict of interest

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - MCA vice-president Datuk Chua Jui Meng said there was a clear conflict of interest on the membership of Wang Choong Wing on the three-man committee appointed to take over the functions of the party's Youth wing.

He said Wang should have declined to be on the committee.

Chua added that the youth central committee members were not even told what were the charges against them and they were not given a fair chance to defend themselves.

"How can a veterans committee appointed by one man overturn the decision of an annual and emergency general meeting?

"If you want to overturn such decisions, it should either be done at another AGM or referred to the court," he said, adding that Wang's membership in the veterans committee and now being part of the three-man committee was a clear conflict of interest.

He said the whole report by the veterans committee was perverse, in that it took the entire truth and turned it upside down.

Datuk Chan Kong Choy, who is also a vice-president, said from June until now, a total 138,000 new members had been approved, which represented 15 per cent of the total MCA membership.

"This is unprecedented ... I had brought this matter up on numerous occasions at presidential council and central committee meetings and had even written to the national organising secretary on this," he said, claiming that no details were given by the party when these figures were tabled at the meetings.

"I have received complaints from members as far as Perlis and Sabah asking about the status of their membership and have taken it up with the CC and PC but had never been given satisfactory answers from the party headquarters to date", he said.

Deputy president Datuk Lim Ah Lek meanwhile called upon members to attend in full force the Winter Solstice festival celebrations in Bukit Jalil tomorrow which Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has been invited to open.

"This is a major celebration for the Chinese community and we are deeply honoured to have Dr Mahathir there.

"I urge all members not to be perturbed by today's decision and to come and show their full support to the Prime Minister."

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