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DR LING SADDENED OVER CHAOS AT MCA YOUTH ASSEMBLY

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 3 (Bernama) -- MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik has expressed sadness and disappointment over the chaotic situation at the 38th MCA Youth Annual General Assembly today.

He, however, said the incident should be treated as a wake-up call for youth leaders to look into their leadership and to ensure they would be prepared to lead the party in the future.

"They must prove they have the discipline and the right attitude," he told reporters after attending the 25th Wanita MCA Annual General Assembly.

Dr Ling, however, said this was not the time to point fingers which side was responsible for the incident.

The assembly held at a hotel here was filled with drama -- first a bomb hoax, followed by chair-throwing and ended up with a walkout.

The assembly also moved an emergency resolution to sack MCA Youth secretary-general Yew Teong Look and Loh Seng Kok as the movement's vice-chairman.

Dr Ling said party secretary-general Datuk Seri Dr Ting Chew Peh would submit a report on what actually happened.

He called on party members to remain calm and remember their responsibility to maintain stability and unity in the party.

"What I want to emphasise is the stability, the discipline and the well-being of the party is the responsibility of every member," he said.

He also said MCA had taken precautions, including calling for police assistance, to ensure smooth conduct of tomorrow's MCA general assembly.

"They can help us through their speciality, they can help screen the building because we do not want anymore bomb hoaxes," he said.

Dr Ling said he was satisfied with the preparations made.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is scheduled to open the MCA General Assembly tomorrow.

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