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Ling-Resign

I'LL RESIGN IF PROVEN I PROFITED FROM NANYANG DEAL, SAYS DR LING

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 4 (Bernama) -- MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said today he will resign as party president if proven that he has made monetary gains from the Nanyang Press Holdings Bhd buyover by Huaren Holdings Sdn Bhd.

He denied a poison-pen letter posted on the Internet claiming that he had made several millions of ringgit from the controversial deal.

"Some people are still making false accusations against me and my family on the purchase.

"If there is proof, report to the police and don't hide in the Internet with no name, no IC," he told reporters at the end of the 48th MCA General Assembly.

A total of 1,832 of the 2,385 MCA central delegates attended the one-day assembly opened by Prime Minister and Barisan Nasional (BN) chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Asked if he had lodged a police report on the allegation, Dr Ling said: "How to make a police report, it is on Internet."

On the assembly, he said the delegates gave solid support to the setting up of Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (Utar) and urged members and the Chinese community to cooperate for the successful establishment of the university.

He also said many delegates took advantage of the assembly to criticise party leaders, describing their criticisms as constructive and not destructive.

They also made proposals on the need to hold training camps for party leaders to foster spirit of cooperation among each other, he said.

The delegates also spoke on discipline among party members and to enhance party unity.

He said the Central Committee would discuss ways to improve and restore the party's image by giving emphasis to members' discipline.

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