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MCA OKAYS RESOLUTION TO SET UP SINGLE BN PARTY

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 4 (Bernama) -- The 48th MCA General Assembly today passed a resolution supporting initiatives to set up a single Barisan Nasional (BN) party when the time was right.

The MCA, the second dominant partner in the ruling BN government, also approved a resolution calling on the BN to ensure new state and parliamentary seats created following redelineation of electoral boundaries be fairly allocated to the 13 BN component parties.

The two are among 16 resolutions covering politics, economy, education, religion, social development and party affairs approved by the assembly opened by Prime Minister and BN chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The one-day assembly also backed the government's firm action to root out activities by militant religious groups.

The party also supported government efforts to stimulate the economy and help the poor and unfortunate regardless of race.

It urged the government to assist smallholders hard hit by the sharp fall in commodity prices besides giving equal attention to small-and medium-scale industries to expand.

The assembly, attended by 1,832 of the 2,385 central delegates, also adopted a resolution urging the Chinese community to support the establishment of Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (Utar) to create more opportunities for higher education.

It also called on the government to specify clear criteria for student intake to public universities to ensure transparency and to avoid mistakes.

A resolution asking the Education Ministry to upgrade the learning and teaching of Mandarin and Tamil as well as English in primary schools besides intensifying teaching of Bahasa Malaysia was also passed.

On religion, the party urged Malaysians to be firm in opposing PAS' plan to set up an Islamic state and support the set of guidelines drawn by the government with regard to planning and building places of worship for non-Muslims.

The party hoped property developers would abide by the guidelines.

One resolution called on the government to act firmly in deporting illegal immigrants and step up patrolling along the country's waters to protect local fishermen.

The party also urged the people to support campaigns to protect the environment.

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