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Ong criticises Ling for not following council's decision

SHAH ALAM, Wed. - MCA Youth chief Datuk Ong Tee Keat today expressed his disappointment over the way party president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik appointed six party veterans to a special committee to investigate the Aug 3 Youth wing fracas.

He said during a presidential council meeting on Sept 3 it was decided that the president, his deputy and two other senior committee members would be responsible for the appointment of the veterans.

"He (the president), however, did not follow the decision and overruled it on Oct 8 when he appointed central committee member Datuk Chor Chee Heung as the special committee coordinator without consulting the other three members.

"Chor has also been given a free hand to appoint whoever he wants to the special committee."

Ong is questioning why the power to pick the committee members was shifted from the four members to Chor alone.

He said Dr Ling also did not entertain a request for additional names to be included to the special committee.

"He did not even discuss the proposal, which was brought up at yesterday's emergency presidential council meeting," he said.

Asked if he would not support the appointment of the six veterans, Ong said he was not questioning their credibility.

"I am not happy with the methodology and principle adopted by party president."

Ong was speaking to reporters after launching the Yayasan CNI's donation drive for Afghanistan refugees here today.

He said regardless of the formation of the special committee, the police report which he had lodged pertaining to the fracas would stay.

Ong also questioned why Dr Ling had not instructed party disciplinary board chairman Datuk Lim Ah Lek to take action against the report submitted by him on the fracas.

"Lim cannot take action on his own as the party constitution stipulates that the directive must come from the president."

He said he submitted a report each to Lim, party secretary-general Datuk Ting Chew Peh, the police and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Aug 27.

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