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Ting: Rejection of deal tantamount to voting against the leadership

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - Saying nay to the resolution to endorse MCA's purchase of Nanyang Press Holdings Bhd during the party's extraordinary general meeting on Sunday is tantamount to a vote of no confidence against the party leadership.

MCA secretary-general Datuk Seri Dr Ting Chew Peh said the EGM was the first in the party's history to endorse a decision by the party's central committee.

If the delegates to the EGM voted against the resolution, he said it would mean grassroots leaders did not support the 32 central committee members who voted for the acquisition.

Asked if the leadership needed to seek a fresh mandate from the delegates if the resolution was not passed, Ting said it was too early to speculate.

"Let the delegates decide on this.

"I am sure they have the wisdom and we shall see on Sunday," Ting told a Press conference at the party headquarters today.

He said there would be 2,385 delegates attending the EGM, including all central committee members, divisional heads, elected representatives and Senators.

Johor has the highest number of delegates (425), followed by Selangor (421) and Perak (353). Pahang has 157, Kelantan 78, Kedah 176, Malacca 85, Negri Sembilan 126, Perlis 77, Penang 131, Sabah 98, Terengganu 48 and Federal Territory 141.

The speaker for the EGM will be Datuk Yik Phooi Hong.

On the method of voting, Ting said it would be decided by the delegates during the EGM.

On how long the debate would take before the voting took place, Ting said the matter was being studied by the party headquarters.

Asked about disputes in MCA Youth over the legality of its EGM, scheduled for Saturday, Ting said he would leave it to the wing's leaders to iron things out.

Meanwhile, when asked about Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's advice to the MCA leaders to end the controversy, Ting refused to comment.

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