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KUALA LUMPUR: The MCA Team B faction will go ahead with its planned extraordinary general meeting on April 21 regardless of any obstruction, MCA Youth chief Datuk Ong Tee Keat said.

He said he would not bother with what Team A, led by party president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik, said about the EGM or whether the proposed meeting was illegal.

According to a report in China Press yesterday, Ong also criticised Team A for having "to trouble" Barisan Nasional chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to solve the party leadership problem.

Asked whether Team B had applied for a police permit to hold the EGM at Putra World Trade Centre, Ong was reportedly reluctant to elaborate except to urge the press to get more details from Selayang MCA division chief Datuk Tang See Hang, one of the three who signed the EGM requisition.

Yesterday, an English daily quoted Tang as saying that the EGM would proceed as planned, adding that the faction was unaware of a directive, purportedly from Dr Mahathir, directing the EGM to be called off.

Asked whether the EGM would go on in the event Dr Mahathir advised against it, Tang was quoted as saying that if Team B leaders decided the meeting was not necessary, then it would be called off.

Meanwhile, Perak Barisan secretary Datuk Hamzah Zainuddin urged the MCA members, be they from Team A or Team B, to heed the gag order made by Dr Mahathir.