

Team A accepts peace formula

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KUALA LUMPUR: MCA's Team A has accepted the peace plan as outlined for the party by their leaders who met Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

However, the plan covers only certain areas and does not include the main bone of contention verification of the membership list, which Team B claims contains phantom members.

At a press conference at the MCA headquarters yesterday, party president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said no discussion was held on the membership list.

Asked if there will be anymore dis-

putes over the list now that the peace plan has been agreed upon, he said: "That does not arise anymore."

Asked if he had signed any memorandum of agreement, he said: "No. There is no need to sign anything anymore."

On why Team A rejected the peace plan during a meeting with mediators Tan Sri Lim Kok Wing and Tan Sri Lee Kim Yew that was chaired by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi last week, Ling said there were certain areas that were not fully understood and agreed upon.

"All these have been cleared up and the necessary adjustments made to the original proposal. Today, we all agreed there is no more necessity to sign any other thing."

Team B, led by party deputy pre-

sident Datuk Lim Ah Lek, signed the memorandum and announced its planned extraordinary general meeting, scheduled for Sunday, had been cancelled.

On the chances of the rival factions patching up, Ling said: "My own feeling is that, I go into this topic or project (peace plan) with the fullest of confidence."

Contacted, Lim said: "There is no more Teams A and B in MCA anymore. The crisis has been resolved as originally envisaged by the prime minister.

"I must thank him, Abdullah and Tan Sri Lim Kok Wing for their efforts. It was not an easy task."

On Ling's announcement to call off the divisional elections, Lim said he does want to comment.