

State leaders accept decision on elections

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KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. — State MCA leaders aligned to Team A and Team B responded positively to the party leadership's decision to postpone divisional elections, although some were reported to be in a dejected mood.

Several divisions had earlier begun the election process with the filing of nominations but promptly called it off upon receiving news of the decision.

The State leaders were thankful to Prime Minister and Barisan Nasional chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for meeting party president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik and his deputy, Datuk Lim Ah Lek, the respective leaders of Team A and B.

In Penang, State MCA chairman Datuk Dr Sak Cheng Lum said today the State MCA would adhere to the decision.

State MCA organising secretary Lee Hack Teik, who is aligned to Team B, said he welcomed the decision.

"That should be the right way. At least both teams can now sit down and discuss the issues," he said.

In Johor, Johor Baru MCA division chairman Freddie Loong, who was at the party's nomination centre at Jalan Wong Ah Fook, was seen huddled with other Team A supporters when they got news of the postponement. They were clearly in a dejected mood.

"Whatever it is, we will continue to wait for official instructions from Kuala Lumpur. This is indeed disappointing.

"Notwithstanding that, we will comply with the directions."