

# **No more Team A or Team B, says Ah Lek**

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KUALA LUMPUR: MCA deputy president Datuk Lim Ah Lek said there was no longer a Team A or B in the party and all members are committed to making the peace plan work.

Commenting on former central committee member Datuk Soh Chee Wen who declared his support for Team B last week, he said all members had accepted the peace plan as suggested by Prime Minister and Barisan Nasional president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"Under the peace plan, the MCA would work towards the unity of the party and Barisan to face the next general election.

"If we are still split into Team A and Team B, it will affect MCA and the coalition in the next general election," he told *China Press* on Saturday.

On Friday, businessman Soh pledged his support for Team B, led by Lim.

"I support Team B. My heart is with Team B but I am not working with them," Soh had said.

Lim said Soh might not have been aware of the latest developments, having been out of the country for three years.

On whether his relationship with party president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik had improved following their agreement on the

peace plan, Lim said it has always been an "ordinary relationship" between them.

"We only meet during party-related gatherings including the central committee and the nine-man verification and election committee meetings. We have not met at other functions."

Lim declined to comment on the party's former secretary-general Datuk Dr Tan Tiong Hong's statement earlier that those who opposed the peace plan should leave the party.