

# Some MCA divisions still negotiating: Ting

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** The MCA nine-man special committee will meet today to negotiate a status quo for some party divisions which went against the leadership decision of no contest.

Party steering committee chairman Datuk Seri Dr Ting Chew Peh said the divisions involved have now been given an extension of the deadline to reach a compromise before the party headquarters starts taking action.

"The divisions have until June 3 to fill up names of delegates and for Wanita and Youth, the deadline is May 28," he said.

The party divisions have been

directed to maintain the status quo in their divisional elections, which ended last week, in accordance with the peace plan proposed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in order to end the feud between the two factions in the party.

Speaking at a press conference yesterday, Ting said about nine divisions are involved.

He said the party central committee (CC) spelt out three principles by which to help implement the peace and stability plan.

"The formulas are strictly no contest, status quo list to prevail and all vacancies to be filled through negotiations.

"Nominations that do not follow the rules are deemed null and void.

"The elections in Kuala Selangor, Kapar and Muar divisions are null and void for failure to follow the rules.

"Status quo must prevail for the existing positions," he said, adding that they will be informed of the committee's decision.

Among the divisions which have to go back to the negotiation table are Bukit Mertajam (division, Wanita and Youth), Pokok Sena (division and Wanita), Rasah (Youth), Johor Baru (Youth), Sungai Petani (Wanita), Kuala Selangor (division), Kapar (division and Wanita), Muar (division), Gombak (Wanita) and Baling (Youth).

Asked about those divisions which have yet to hold their AGM, Ting said: "We will have to check with the states because they are in charge."