

MCA endorses Youth lists of eight states

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KUALA LUMPUR: The MCA central committee has endorsed the lists of its Youth wing office-bearers for 2002/2005 in eight states which held their annual general meetings on Sunday.

The states are Kedah, Perak, Selangor, Johor, Pahang, Kelantan, Terengganu and Sabah.

The central committee, which met for about four hours yesterday, had directed the party's disciplinary committee to identify those who had marred the meetings in Perak and Selangor with loud protests against the lists and held impromptu gatherings which they claimed were their "own AGM".

Party president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik told reporters after chairing the central committee meeting at Wisma MCA here yesterday that the central committee concluded that there had been

instances of indiscipline.

The meeting also agreed that the disciplinary committee chaired by deputy president Datuk Lim Ah Lek should question and counsel those involved.

In both incidents, supporters of Datuk Liew Yuen Keong (Selangor) and Andy Low Kim Piau (Perak), who failed to take over the Youth state chairmanship, had gone to the AGM armed with banners, placards and whistles to demonstrate against the lists of office bearers.

Under a peace plan, based on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's agenda to end the party's 14-month power tussle between two factions - Team A led by Dr Ling and Team B by Ah Lek - there will be a *status quo* for all incumbent leaders from division level upwards while any vacancy, including new posts, are to be filled through negotiations and consensus.

Yesterday, Dr Ling descri-

bed the display of placards condemning the nine-man special panel headed by him to implement the peace plan as a case of indiscipline.

He said it was up to the disciplinary committee to recommend the type of actions to be taken against those found guilty.

Dr Ling said there was no time frame for the disciplinary committee to complete its task but hope it could start doing it soon.

He noted that a vast majority of the line-up at the state and division levels for the Youth, Wanita and MCA had been resolved.

"I am generally quite satisfied with the kind of maturity (of members)," he said.

Elections steering committee chairman Datuk Seri Dr Ting Chew Peh said the nine-man panel would continue to handle complaints submitted by states like Johor, Perak and Selangor despite having completed their AGMs.