

# ***MCA no-contest plan executed successfully***

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**KUALA TERENGGANU:** The implementation of the 'no-contest elections' under the MCA peace plan has been satisfactory, except for the party's Youth movement in the Federal Territory, Selangor, Malacca and Negri Sembilan.

MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik, who said this yesterday, however, expressed confidence that those involved could complete their 'no-contest elections' at the state level before the June 28 national annual general assembly (AGM).

The MCA Youth movements in Kedah, Perak, Selangor, Johor, Pahang, Kelantan, Terengganu and Sabah have already conducted their no-contest elections and AGMs

last Sunday

Dr Ling described the protests at the Youth AGMs in Perak and Selangor last Sunday as minor as almost 99% of the party's branches and divisions at the Youth, Wanita and parent body levels had concluded their 'no-contest elections' and AGMs smoothly.

"This shows that the majority of MCA members are mature and disciplined and have accepted the party's peace plan," he told reporters after opening the Terengganu MCA convention here yesterday.

Also present at the opening were deputy president Datuk Lim Ah Lek, vice-presidents Datuk Dr Fong Chan Onn and Datuk Chua Jui Meng, and national Wanita chairman Datuk Dr Ng Yen Yen and MCA state chairman Datuk

Lau Yin Pin.

Dr Ling was given a standing ovation when Lau spoke of the party president's contributions to the party and nation.

The ruling, under Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's peace agenda to end the party's 14-month power tussle, has provided status quo for incumbent leaders from the division level upwards. Any vacancies are to be filled through negotiations and consensus.

In his speech earlier, Dr Ling said Barisan Nasional, which practised moderation under Dr Mahathir's leadership, continues to receive strong support from the people.

"This is reflected in the Barisan victory at the by-elections in Indera Kayangan and Ketari," he added.