

# Some ***new faces*** ***likely*** in ***MCA line-up***

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THE one-month calm after the July 27 MCA annual general meeting is likely to see some ripples in the run-up to the first MCA central committee meeting next Thursday.

MCA had undergone a 14-month-long power tussle until May when Barisan Nasional chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad stepped in with a peace plan that provided status quo for party incumbents at the division, state and central levels.

All eyes are now on who will get appointed to the post of secretary-general, national organising secretary, treasurer-general, state chairman, national bureau chairman, seven central committee members, state liaison committees and the national bureaus and disciplinary committee.

These posts, the appointment of which are made by the party president, are normally announced at the first central committee meeting after the

party's elections.

While many are expected to be re-appointed, there is also talk of some new faces in the new line-up.

Penang MCA chairman Datuk Dr Sak Cheng Lum has recently indicated his desire to retire after 16 years at the helm.

Dr Sak's deputy, Wong Kam Hoong, and Penang MCA secretary Datuk Koay Kar Huah are potential successors.

Perlis MCA will have a new chairman to succeed the late Datuk Khor Liang Tee.

Another state leader who has declared his wish to retire is Negri Sembilan MCA chairman Datuk Wong See Wah, who held the post for about 18 years.

Wong's deputy, Datuk Dr Yeow Chai Thiam, and secretary Datuk Hon Choon Kim are said to be eyeing the post.

Malacca MCA chairman Datuk Wira Gan Boon Leong is also said to be retiring.

Two of the three contenders for Gan's post are his secretary Datuk Wira Poh Ah Tiam and vice-chairman

Datuk Seah Kwi Tong.

Sources said the third one is MCA vice-president and Selandar MP Datuk Dr Fong Chan Onn.

Party insiders also did not rule out that there would be new faces among the seven appointed central committee members; those appointed after the 1999 elections were Datuk Paduka Dr Tan Yee Kew, Koay, Datuk Leong Tang Chong, Senator Yew Teong Look, Lim Bee Kau and Chew Mei Fun.

The Wanita MCA central committee is holding its first meeting at Wisma MCA here today after its AGM and elections on June 28.

Its chairman, Datuk Dr Ng Yen Yen, is also expected to announce the appointment of its four appointed central committee members, secretary-general, national organising secretary and treasurer general.

The MCA Youth central committee, which also had its AGM and elections on June 28, has yet to fix a date for its first meeting.