

Pahang MCA: Dropping Lim is against PM's peace plan

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KUANTAN: Pahang MCA has protested against the replacement of MCA deputy president Datuk Lim Ah Lek as the party's disciplinary committee chairman.

Pahang MCA Youth chief Liow Tong Lai said Lim's removal did not reflect the peace plan outlined by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad that all posts within the party should maintain the status quo until the next party election.

He criticised party president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik for the move, alleging that the central committee majority had been used to discriminate those who were against him.

"The decision to remove Lim

was a ploy to cover up issues like the phantom voters and the Youth fracas."

Speaking at a press conference here yesterday, Liow, who is also the Bentong MP, added that Pahang MCA led by Datuk Chan Kong Choy, MCA Members of Parliament and assemblymen opposed the decision by the top party leaders to replace Lim.

Last Thursday, Lim was replaced as the party's disciplinary committee chairman in a revamp by the central committee.

Apart from Lim, other committee members namely vice-presidents Datuk Fong Chan Onn and Datuk Chua Jui Meng, Wanita Chief Datuk Ng Yen Yen and

Youth chief Datuk Ong Tee Keat were also replaced by party veterans Datuk Dr Wee Khoo Hock, Datuk Wong Seng Chow, Datuk Chan Kit Chee and Wang Choon Wing.

MCA Youth secretary-general Loh Seng Kok said the new disciplinary committee comprising veterans would be more effective.

"The idea of revamping the disciplinary committee is to ensure neutrality. It is not about replacing Ah Lek because others were dropped as well."

Loh said most grassroots members supported the revamp decision as it would now be made up of veterans with no vested interest.