

# PM: Lim not suitable for post

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KUALA LUMPUR: MCA deputy president Datuk Lim Ah Lek is not a suitable candidate to hold the post of the party's disciplinary committee chairman because he is directly involved in party problems, Barisan Nasional chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

He said it would be impossible for someone who was embroiled in controversy to be effective as chairman of the disciplinary committee because one of his major responsibilities would be to preside over any controversy arising within the party.

"Since Lim is involved in controversy, it's definitely not suitable for him to become the chairman of the party's disciplinary committee.

"At the same time, there should have been consultations among the parties involved to determine who should be in the committee.

"There are accusations that consultations were not held, but I would not know about that because that is MCA's problem and I don't wish to

interfere," he told reporters after opening the national taxation seminar at the Palace of the Golden Horses yesterday.

Dr Mahathir was commenting on the decision made by the MCA central committee to replace Lim as the party's disciplinary committee chairman on Aug 29.

Apart from Lim, the other committee members namely vice-presidents Datuk Dr Fong Chan Onn and Datuk Chua Jui Meng, Wanita chief Datuk Dr Ng Yen Yen and Youth chief Datuk Ong Tee Keat were also replaced by party veterans.

On the peace agenda, Dr Mahathir said: "Yes, I proposed the guidelines and in general, they have been adhered to."

Dr Mahathir said the decision taken by the party's central committee was a totally different issue and had nothing to do with the peace plan.

"Still, there should have been some consultation. (But) it is impossible for someone, who is embroiled in controversy to be effective as chairman of the disciplinary committee," he added.