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Ling: MCA will help increase Bumi intake in Utar

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - In line with the Cabinet decision, MCA will look into ways to increase the number of Bumiputera students at its Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (Utar) but maintained that no quota system would be imposed.

"The Cabinet has already made the decision and we will follow it," said MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik, who is also Transport Minister.

He was speaking after opening the MCA Federal Territory Convention in Cheras here, barely hours after returning from Luxembourg as part of a delegation, led by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Asked on dissatisfaction over MCA's failure to explain why there was only one Malay student in Utar, Dr Ling said: "Anything within the Barisan Nasional family, we will solve in the BN spirit."

He added he would meet Umno Youth head Datuk Hishammuddin Hussein as soon as possible and he still regarded Hishammuddin as a "friend".

Earlier in his opening address, Dr Ling said except for several cases involving its Youth movement, the vast majority of divisions and State had come to an agreement on its line-up of office bearers.

"I appeal to Youth leaders to come to a compromise. Don't think that compromise is a sign of weakness. It is also a sign of strength."

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