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PRIME MINISTER'S PEACE AND STABILITY AGENDA WILL NOT STOP DEMOCRACY

PUTRAJAYA, April 24 (Bernama) -- MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said today Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's peace and stability agenda for the MCA will not stop the democratic process in the party.

He said the agenda was actually to bring back stability, peace and harmony among the feuding factions in the party.

"It will not stop democracy and what he wants is to make all of us friends again and the central committee (CC) has supported the plan," he told reporters after attending the weekly cabinet meeting.

He said there had been some frustration and anger from the party members over the CC's decision on the status quo yesterday but the party members must understand Dr Mahathir's wish for the party to unite and bring back stability and harmony.

Dr Ling, after chairing the CC meeting yesterday, announced that the CC had unanimously decided to adopt Dr Mahathir's agenda for peace and stability and agreed on no contest in the divisional, state and national-level elections, thus maintaining the status quo until the next party elections in 2005.

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