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MCA-Meeting

MCA DIFFERENT FACTIONS WILL MEET IN KANGAR ON FRIDAY

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 1 (Bernama) -- MCA leaders from the different factions will meet in Kangar on Jan 4 to discuss preparations for the coming Indera Kayangan by-election.

MCA deputy president Datuk Lim Ah Lek said he would attend the MCA Election Committee meeting chaired by MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik.

"I will attend the meeting which will be held in respect of the Indera Kayangan by-election to discuss election preparation," he said when contacted here today.

Lim was asked on the statement by Dr Ling yesterday after his (Dr Ling) meeting with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad that all MCA leaders would go to Indera Kayangan and campaign as one MCA team for Barisan Nasional (BN) and they would be there on Saturday in a show of party solidarity.

Dr Ling met Dr Mahathir, who is also BN chairman, to submit the list of candidates for the Indera Kayangan by-election for his consideration.

Dr Mahathir Mohamad today advised MCA leaders to put aside their differences and concentrate on ensuring victory for the BN in the by-election.

Dr Mahathir said this was also his advice to the two feuding factions who met him separately in Putrajaya yesterday.

Dr Ling met Dr Mahathir for 40 minutes from 3 pm while Lim, party vice-president Datuk Chua Jui Meng, Youth leader Datuk Ong Tee Keat and MCA central committee member Datuk Wong Mook Leong met him for nearly an hour from 5 pm.

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