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MCA DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE HEARING ON SLAPPING INCIDENT POSTPONED

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 12 (Bernama) -- The MCA Disciplinary Committee has postponed its inquiry scheduled tomorrow on the slapping incident at the Wanita MCA annual general meeting (AGM) on June 26 until further notice.

MCA deputy president Datuk Lim Ah Lek, who is chairman of the Disciplinary Committee, said that the inquiry had to be postponed following a notice from one of its five members who pointed out that the term of the existing Disciplinary Committee expired after the party's AGM on July 27.

"I have to seek further clarification from the president tomorrow at the UTAR (Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman) opening by the Prime Minister (Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad).

"As far as I know, the existing Disciplinary Committee still can carry out its duties during the interim period until the Central Committee meets to decide on the new committee members," he said when contacted here today.

The Disciplinary Committee members include two vice presidents, Datuk Chua Jui Meng and Datuk Dr Fong Chan Onn, Wanita chief Datuk Dr Ng Yen Yen and Youth Chief Datuk Ong Tee Keat.

Lim said that Dr Fong had informed the Disciplinary Committee secretary, Mok Ah Hoo, to be "excused" from attending the inquiry due to the fact that the existing term of the Disciplinary Committee members expired after the July 27 party AGM.

He said that he had no choice but to postpone the inquiry until the status of the existing committee had been sorted out. The hearing has earlier been scheduled for 2.30pm tomorrow at the party headquarters here.

"In fact, we have contacted witnesses of both sides over the slapping incident of the inquiry date and they have agreed to attend but now we have to tell them that the inquiry has been postponed," said Lim.

On June 26, Kampung Bahagia (Sabah) MCA branch chairman Lo Nyet Yin was reported to have been slapped by Sabah Wanita MCA chief Agnes Shim Tshin Nyuk after the opening of the movement's 27th AGM at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) here.

Shim claimed that it happened because she had refused to appoint Lo's daughter, Chin Choi Ngo, as the Tenom division Wanita chief while Lo accused Shim of sparking the incident by pointing her finger at her and scolding her for allegedly lying.

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