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NO PROBLEM WITH COUNCILLORS LIST, SAYS DR LING

PUTRAJAYA, Aug 7 (Bernama) -- There is no major problem with the MCA's list of names to be appointed as councillors in Selangor, said its president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik.

"I don't see any major problem. I think all the divisions have already submitted their list (to the committee to approve the name)," he said at a post-cabinet news conference here today.

Although there is a peace formula, which called for status quo in MCA, Dr Ling said the states or divisions could have their own formula for stability, which should be respected.

He said some had retired while others were rotated under a formula for stability within MCA.

"Where got such thing as forever being a councillor. We agreed that every two years, we will change. That is our formula for stability," he said.

According to a report in local media, some MCA members had expressed concerned that the list of MCA Selangor councillors may re-ignite factionalism in the party.

Some said the status quo requirement under the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's peace plan encompassed all MCA positions, including the councillors.

On the use of English in the teaching and learning of Science and Mathematics in Chinese schools, Dr Ling said it was not discussed by at Cabinet meeting today and thus allowing MCA leaders to find out what the community really wanted.

"This investigation must be outside the glare of the press. We don't want it to become politicised or emotionalised," he said.

"All we want to do is the right thing...I think quite soon we should be able to get the feel of the consensus," he said, adding that MCA wanted to fix a date so that all Chinese-based parties in the Barisan Nasional (BN) could sit down and exchange views on the topic.

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