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PARTY'S DECISION-MAKING BODY TO SOLVE STATUS QUO PROBLEMS

KUALA LUMPUR, April 24 (Bernama) -- The MCA presidential council or its Central Committee (CC) will meet before May 10 to find ways to implement the decision to maintain the status quo at all levels of the party leadership until 2005.

MCA secretary-general Datuk Seri Dr Ting Chew Peh said today there were several problems in the implementation of the status quo that required either of the two bodies to make a decision.

"We will discuss some of the problems, such as people who have passed away while some office-bearers may want to relinquish their posts voluntarily.

"There may also be problems with regards to those who lost in the branch elections, thus disqualifying them from holding divisional posts and being delegates to the general meeting. There are also problems relating to the increased number of delegates," he told reporters at Wisma MCA, here.

Earlier, Dr Ting chaired the MCA Election Steering Committee meeting which identified problems relating to the maintenance of the status quo.

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

The CC also fixed the divisional nominations for May 10 and polling for May 14 and 15.

Dr Ting said the election steering committee was waiting for suggestions from the leaders of the feuding factions as well as the women and youth wings on problems relating to maintaining the status quo.

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