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PM'S VIEWS ON AH LEK CONCURRENT WITH CC, SAYS DR LING

PUTRAJAYA, Sept 4 (Bernama) -- MCA President Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said today Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's view that party deputy president Datuk Lim Ah Lek is not a suitable candidate for the party's disciplinary committee chairman's post is concurrent with the Central Committee's (CC) opinion.

He said the CC noted that the previous committee headed by Lim was directly involved in party problems.

"The prime minister's view on Ah Lek is what the CC observed when we revamped the disciplinary committee," he told reporters.

He said what the MCA wanted to see was neutral people taking charge of matters involving the disciplinary committee and to take appropriate action.

Dr Ling was commenting on Dr Mahathir's statement yesterday that Ah Lek was not a suitable candidate to hold the post of disciplinary committee head because he is directly involved in party problems.

Dr Mahathir had said it would be impossible for someone who was embroiled in controversy to be effective as chairman of the committee because one of his major responsibilities would be to preside over any controversy arising within the party.

Apart from Lim, the other committee members namely vice-presidents Datuk Dr Fong Chan Onn and Datuk Chua Jui Meng, Wanita chief Datuk Dr Ng Yen Yen and Youth Chief Datuk Ong Tee Keat were also replaced by party veterans led by former secretary-general Datuk Kam Woon Wah.

The other four veterans were Datuk Dr Wee Khoo Hock, Datuk Wong Seng Chow, Datuk Chan Kit Chee and Wang Choon Wing.

Dr Ling said the new committee would look into the new guidelines relating to disciplinary matters.

"We want them to look into the set of guidelines from Umno, Gerakan, MIC and other BN component parties which may be incorporated into our party constitution," he said.

Asked why there was a need for a new set of guidelines, he said they need to look into other examples as the MCA Constitution only provided basic guidelines.

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