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MCA LIFTED MEMBERSHIP SUSPENSION, BN TO DECIDE ON MLA STATUS

KOTA BAHARU, July 18 (Bernama) -- The MCA only lifted the suspension of party membership of the two Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) of Penang Tan Cheng Liang (Jawi) and Lim Boo Chang (Datuk Keramat) while their status as BN Assemblymen will be decided by the BN Supreme Council.

Many groups had become confused over the two issues, MCA Deputy President Datuk Chan Kong Choy said here today after opening the 37th Annual Delegates Conference of the Kwant Tung Association of Malaysia.

He said the MCA agreed to the suggestion by the, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, that the suspension of the two as BN Assemblymen be discussed at the BN level.

The MCA suspended the membership of Tan and Lim on Dec 16 for abstaining in a vote taken on an opposition motion.

Last week MCA President Datuk Seri Ong Ka Ting announced that their membership suspension was being lifted after seven months.

Chan said the MCA would abide by the BN Supreme Council decision on the status of the two as BN Assemblymen in line with established procedures.

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