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MCA SUBMITS NAME LIST TO DR MAHATHIR FOR CABINET RESHUFFLE

KUALA LUMPUR, May 28 (Bernama) -- The MCA has submitted a name list of potential candidates to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohammad for consideration in a Cabinet reshuffle following the resignation of Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik.

MCA President Datuk Seri Ong Ka Ting said he submitted the name list to Dr Mahathir at today's weekly meeting of the Cabinet.

The MCA would respect and support Dr Mahathir's decision in the matter, he told reporters here.

Ong, who is Housing and Local Government Minister, will be acting Transport Minister pending the Cabinet reshuffle.

"The MCA has submitted the names to the Prime Minister. It is up to the Prime Minister to make the decision. As such, MCA members should refrain from discussing the matter or to speculate as to who will hold what post," he said.

Ong refused to disclose the number of names contained in the list submitted to Dr Mahathir.

Apart from Ong who took over the leadership from Dr Ling as MCA President, the MCA Central Committee also elected Datuk Chan Kong Choy as deputy president to succeed Datuk Lim Ah Lek who also resigned.

Ong urged party members to stop speculations as to who would succeed Dr Ling in the Cabinet as this would create confusion and would not be fair to the candidates listed.

He said MCA members should be patient and wait for Dr Mahathir's decision.

The MCA now has four ministers, six deputy ministers and three parliamentary secretaries in the government.

Besides Dr Ling and Ong, two other ministers are Datuk Chua Jui Meng (Health Minister) and Datuk Dr Fong Chan Onn (Human Resources Minister).

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