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PM lauded over role in defusing crisis in MCA

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THE Tamil media attributed the ending of the MCA leadership crisis to the untiring efforts of Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Tamil Nesan said the Prime Minister's intervention had settled the protracted leadership tussle which had adversely affected the party and membership.

It welcomed the appointment of Datuk Ong Ka Ting and Datuk Chan Kong Choy, who replaced Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik and Datuk Lim Ah Lek as president and deputy president respectively.

It said the change in leadership signalled a new beginning for the two factions.

Malaysia Nanban meanwhile hailed Ong's decision to retain all incumbent office-bearers as a wise move. It felt this would lead to a peaceful transition.

The newspaper opined that Ong and his team would, nevertheless, face problems in determining office-bearers and choice of elected representatives at the next party polls and general election, but was optimistic that Ong and Chan had the political wherewithal to exercise judgment in the best interests of the party.

On Abdul Malik Maidin's feat in swimming 48 kilometres from the mainland to Langkawi, Malaysia Nanban said this showed Malaysians were equal to the best in the world in setting records and displaying their prowess in specific fields."