

MCA told to prepare for 'all out' cyber war
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With a looming general election, MCA deputy president Liow Tiong Lai today moved to rally its youth wing to embark on an "all out" cyber war against the opposition.

mca youth agm 011011 liow tiong lai wee ka siongSpeaking at the National MCA Youth General Assembly this morning, Liow called on MCA to be more aggressive in stopping Pakatan Rakyat from "deceiving the people".

"To stop opposition parties to continue deceiving the people, efforts for an all out war must begin now. I call on all youth members to prepare for cyber war.

"We understand that blogs were a main publicity media in the last general election while Facebook and Twitter is expected to become the primary media in the coming general election. MCA candidates cannot neglect the internet war in the coming general election."

He added that the next general election will determine the "life and death" of the party.

MCA saw its parliamentary seats halved from 31 to 15 in the last general election, an outcome acknowledged by then prime minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi as a result of underestimating the Internet's power.

Acknowledging that some members "have lost all confidence" after having been defeated in the last general election, Liow called on its members to overcome this psychological fear.

"Our opponent is not as strong as you think, if we move with one mind and heart, we do not need to fear anyone. Remember, offense is the best defense."

DAP should quit Pakatan over hudud

Taking his own advice, Liow went on the offensive against Pakatan, challenging the DAP to leave the opposition coalition over the hudud controversy.

"Nik Aziz has said that if DAP opposes hudud law, it can leave Pakatan Rakyat. Its leader Anwar Ibrahim also supports hudud law in Kelantan. Why then does the DAP dare not defend its position (against hudud law) and leave Pakatan Rakyat?"

Liow warned the DAP against leading the Chinese community down a path that is "too late" when hudud law is implemented.

Today's general assembly laced with battle calls is an attempt to showcase a united front as a general election is expected to be called soon.

Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak has recently moved to soothe several civil society demands, including announcing reforms that would allow more space for civil liberty and electoral reform.