

**Umno forcing MCA's hand, says Kit Siang**  
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Leaving MCA president Dr Chua Soi Lek out of the coming general election shows that the party's decisions are dictated by Umno, DAP veteran Lim Kit Siang said today.

By dropping Chua from the MCA line-up, Lim said, BN chairperson and Umno president Najib Abdul Razak, who has the final say on the coalition's candidates, has also shown the irrelevance of the MCA.

"If Chua is not fit to be a BN candidate in GE13, how then can he be fit and qualified to be the MCA president, sitting in the highest decision-making councils of the BN and government?" Lim asked in a press statement.

Najib is clearly fearful that Chua's candidature on the BN ticket will ensure the realisation of the most famous political prophecy, the RAHMAN theory.

Lim said Najib had no right to prevent Chua for being fielded as a BN candidate should he be truly considered to be an "equal" in the BN supreme council and the BN administration's economic planning council.

'Great injustice'

He noted that Najib's predecessors would not have done the same to Chua's predecessors by preventing them from contesting, nor would MCA impose a veto on any Umno candidate.

Describing the episode as a "great injustice", Lim said Umno had no business vetoing MCA's candidates.

"Najib is clearly fearful that Chua's candidature on the BN ticket will ensure the realisation of the most famous RAHMAN political prophecy, with him as the last Umno/BN prime minister," Lim said.

Lim also criticised Chua for claiming that his decision not to be fielded was to "prove a point that I am fighting for a cause, that MCA remains relevant".

He said the argument was illogical because the Umno president had now made it clear that the MCA president was too "irrelevant, unqualified and unsuitable" to be fielded as a BN candidate.

