

**PM to 'mediate' in MIC crisis**  
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Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak will 'mediate' the MIC crisis from now on, party deputy president S Subramaniam confirmed today.

In a statement, Subramaniam said that Najib had called him in the morning to communicate the former's intention.

"This morning, the PM contacted me and advised that all parties involved in the MIC crisis observe a moratorium and allow him to mediate and resolve the crisis," Subramaniam said.

Party president G Palanivel this morning had announced a "ceasefire" between the warring MIC factions.

"We respect the good intentions of the Prime Minister to mediate and resolve this issue," Subramaniam said.

He stated that he had told Najib of the need to have someone lead MIC in the interim period.

"Resolving the issue of interim administration will be a key factor in determining the sanctity and effectiveness of the moratorium," he said.

The resolutions made at division levels, most of which is to have the 2009 Central Working Committee (CWC) reconvene again following the Registrar of Societies' (ROS) non-recognition of the 2013 CWC, will be forwarded to Najib.

"The PM is very well aware of the intensity of the issue at the grassroots and will realise the need for immediate and urgent action," he said.

ROS issued a re-election order for MIC's vice president and CWC positions on Dec 5 last year, but Palanivel has yet to call for party elections.

This has set off a continuous chain of internal bickering, which seemed to culminate yesterday when vice-president M Saravanan was blocked from entering the party headquarters to hold a press conference, finally resulting in BN leadership's intervention.