

Palanivel blames Najib for mess in MIC

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MIC president G Palanivel today blamed Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak over the party's current crisis.

In a special assembly held for him today, Palanivel said Najib had sided with the Registrar of Societies (ROS) which had nullified the party's 2013 election.

"Barisan Nasional and the prime minister himself got involved in putting pressure on the MIC to reject the results of our validated 2013 election and for the party to side with the detractors," he said.

The MIC internal crisis started following the election of three vice-presidents and 23 central working committee members in 2013, at the party's annual general meeting.

The election, after widespread allegations of malpractice, was declared null and void by the Registrar of Societies (ROS) via a directive on Dec 5, 2014.

Palanivel and his supporters then took the ROS to court to try and reverse its fresh elections order while those against the president filed orders to have the ROS directive carried out.

The High Court has since dismissed two judicial review applications filed by Palanivel and four others to quash the directive of the ROS.

Meanwhile, Palanivel in a press conference later said he had met Najib on Friday and prime minister said that MIC could go ahead with its elections.

"We don't want re-elections, we want to go for fresh elections. The elections will be held from August till December," he said.

Palanivel on Monday suspended deputy president S Subramaniam and one of the party's vice presidents, M Saravanan.

Subramaniam then announced he had taken over MIC as acting president saying Palanivel's membership in MIC was automatically revoked the moment he took the Registrar of Societies (ROS) to court without obtaining an approval from the CWC.

Asked whether Subramaniam would agree to the elections, Palanivel pointed out he had suspended Subramaniam.

"The other side (Subramaniam and his supporters) have all been suspended. Don't worry about him. He has no authority," said Palanivel.

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