

Party veteran named 'snoop squad' probe member
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MCA veteran Michael Chen was today named by the party's presidential council as a new member of its three-man panel set up to investigate claims on the existence of a 'snoop squad' prying into the private lives of certain party leaders. MCPX

michael chen yong sen "The presidential council today unanimously decided to appoint Michael Chen as a panel member of the independent investigation committee to look into the issue of a 'spy team' in MCA.

"This committee will directly report to the presidential council," the council said in a statement issued after its meeting chaired by party president Ong Ka Ting.

Chen, a former Senate speaker, replaces lawyer Teh Hock Kee who turned down his appointment, citing personal reasons, a day before the panel was to hold its first meeting last Wednesday.

The panel is headed by Sak Cheng Lum with lawyer Roger Tan as the other member,

The panel was set up after Petaling Jaya Utara division adviser Wong Leong, one of the 'Save MCA' campaign leaders, demanded the resignation of the party president after the MCA's dismal performance in last month's general election.

He alleged that certain party leaders had formed a "snoop squad" to expose the private lives of his political rivals.

In an exclusive interview with Malaysiakini, party leader Ong denied that he was involved in the 'snoop squad'.

"This is utter rubbish. This is something unthinkable for a person like me to go and do all these things, I myself can't believe it," he said.

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