

Najib will not attend disputed MCA AGM
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Prime Minister Najib Razak will not be attending the disputed MCA annual general meeting this Sunday.

Najib's press aide Tengku Sharifuddin Tengku Ahmad told *Malaysiakini* this evening that the prime minister will not officially launch the controversial AGM, which is to kick off on Sunday morning at the MCA headquarters in Kuala Lumpur.

Traditionally, the prime minister is invited to officiate the annual general meetings of Barisan Nasional component parties.

The absence of Najib at this weekend's AGM, which has been disputed by the Youth and Wanita wings' along with vice-president Liow Tiong Lai, is the clearest indication yet that party chief Ong Tee Keat has lost the support of the Umno president.

This afternoon, the caretaker central committee at a meeting chaired by Ong insisted that the AGM should go ahead as planned despite stringent objections from MCA Youth chief Wee Ka Siong and Wanita chief Chew Mei Fun.

The duo subsequently stormed out of the meeting in protest.

Fresh polls later this month

The executive council of both wings had held emergency meetings earlier this morning to put off their respective AGMs, which were scheduled to be held tomorrow, a day before the parent body's AGM.

The caretaker central committee, minus the 21 elected members who had resigned yesterday, has resolved to proceed with the AGM this weekend and ordered both wings to do the same.

It is believed that Chua and Liow both want the AGM postponed and instead held in conjunction with fresh leadership polls on March 28.

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