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## Najib asked to step in and help resolve MIC fiasco

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MIC VP Datuk M Saravanan has asked Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Najib Razak to step in and help resolve the MIC internal crisis.

Saravanan said Najib has to intervene, claiming that the current president Datuk G Palanivel does not have the majority support of the party.

Saravanan was speaking to reporters after he and several MIC members were prevented from entering the party's headquarters building earlier yesterday by "unknown" people.

"We have a big problem in MIC, Mr prime minister, we kept him (Palanivel) because he was your choice, not ours. So don't push this away as another MIC problem because it will affect Barisan Nasional too," he said outside the MIC building.

Saravanan, who is the Deputy Youth and Sports Minis-



Ruckus outside MIC headquarters as Saravanan (right) was barred entry earlier yesterday

ter, claimed Palanivel had agreed to step down in 2013 ahead of the party elections but that Najib had intervened to have Palanivel remain as president.

"Palanivel was appointed at your request, now the monster is killing everyone to the extent of using thugs in the building,"

Saravanan added.

Saravanan urged Palanivel to convene a central committee meeting within 24 hours, failing which, some MIC members would make a petition to the prime minister to intervene.

"We will seek Najib's assistance to solve the crisis," he added.

MIC has been ordered by the Registrar of Societies (RoS) to hold fresh elections after it deemed the party's election last year was null due to several errors. RoS has given MIC to comply with the order within 90 days or face de-registration as a party.

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