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PM agrees to MIC re-elections

Najib: Move the best solution for party

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KUALA LUMPUR: The Barisan Nasional leadership has agreed to MIC holding re-elections to solve the long standing party crisis.

Barisan chairman Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said he chaired a meeting attended by MIC president Datuk Seri G. Palanivel, his deputy Datuk Seri Dr S. Subramaniam, Barisan deputy chairman Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, Barisan secretary-general Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor and Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi yesterday.

"In the discussion, we have agreed that party re-elections should be held as a solution to the current problem.

"MIC will inform the Registrar of Societies of the outcome of this meeting so action can be taken," he said in a statement.

The Prime Minister said the details of the MIC re-elections would be announced after the party received a letter from the RoS.

In a statement earlier, Dr S. Subramaniam expressed hope that Najib's intervention would bring an end to MIC's problems.

On his part, Dr Subramaniam gave an assurance that he would do what he could to reduce the burden of grassroots leaders due to the crisis.

He said the party should wait for the RoS before it made any further move.

"Till then I appeal to all party members to be calm and patient," he added.