

**Ka Chuan says MCA needs younger leadership**  
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KAMPAR, June 15 - Younger people should lead the MCA as they can connect with their peers better than older leaders, central committee member Datuk Seri Ong Ka Chuan said today.

The Barisan Nasional (BN) component party has delayed its internal polls to this December as MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Chua Soi Lek said he would like to leave the party in good shape.

There is speculation that he could defend the post although party veterans and members have called for a fresh leadership after the MCA only took seven federal seats in the 13th General Election, down from 15 won five years ago.

"Since we are aiming to change and win back the support of the younger generation, we should elect younger party leaders who can better connect with them.

"I was born in the 1950s, maybe we should consider electing those born in the 1960s or 1970s," said Ong, who used to be the party secretary-general, in a report by The Star news portal.

"I don't think I will be fighting on the frontlines in MCA any longer but I will continue to lend my support and experience to whomever the party chooses," he said.

Ong also advised against the holding of an extraordinary general meeting (EGM) to decide MCA's stance on not accepting government posts.

"MCA is still reeling from its poor showing during the recent elections.

"Holding an EGM now would just hurt its recovery process by causing rifts and infighting," he told reporters during a press conference here.

Ong said the decision to refuse government posts based on the election results was a mistake but urged party members not to play the blame game.

"When the decision was agreed upon by the whole party, it was actually a method to raise our fighting spirit for the elections.

"Now that it has backfired, everyone should take responsibility instead of pointing fingers at each other.

"If they want to change the policy, do so during the upcoming party elections," he said.

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