

Palanivel blames Najib for MIC turmoil
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KUALA LUMPUR, Datuk Seri G. Palanivel blamed Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak for the MIC turmoil.

“BN (Barisan Nasional) and the PM got involved in putting pressure on the MIC to reject the results of our validated 2013 election.

“They are also the reason for the party to side with the detractors,” he said during a speech in a special meeting with nationwide MIC leaders at the Putra World Trade Centre, here, today.

Meanwhile, at a press conference after the event, Palanivel said fresh elections would be conducted in August.

“We do not want any re-election as a fresh election will see a contest of branch, division, right up to the President post.

“PM has agreed to this and told us to go ahead with the elections.”

He said 2,764 branch chairmen have pledged full support for his leadership today.

“With this we can push our mandate further. We want to protect the future of the party,” the MIC president said, adding that he would be setting up an independent committee to look at how to run the election.

“This consists of auditors and legal advisers, which might be MIC members.”

When asked if he had to discuss his plans with Datuk Seri Dr S. Subramaniam’s camp, he said there was “no need”.

“We don’t need to as they have all been suspended.”

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