

Najib never interfered in MIC, says veep
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An MIC leader today refuted embattled president Datuk Seri G. Palanivel's charge that the prime minister was to be blame for the crisis in the party, the Star Online reported today.

Vice-president Datuk S. Saravanan was quoted by the news portal as saying Datuk Seri Najib Razak had never gotten involved in the affairs of Barisan Nasional's biggest ethnic Indian party.

"As the leader of Barisan Nasional, he went as far as advising MIC to resolve all party matters within the party, but that was about it.

"In fact, I am upset that he has not gotten involved in the matter more actively, " he was quoted as saying in the news portal's report.

At a rally to declare support for him at the Putra World Trade Centre yesterday, Palanivel had said Najib had sided with the Registrar of Societies (RoS) and put pressure on MIC to reject the party elections held in 2013.

"Barisan Nasional and the PM himself got involved in putting pressure on MIC to reject the results of our validated 2013 elections and for the party to take sides with our detractors," he had said during his speech to the cheers of thousands who had come to show their support for him.

"This is the greatest challenge MIC has faced in its 70 years of history. The issue is simple and clear.

"This is a battle between right and wrong. Between justice and unlawfulness. Between order and chaos. Between good and evil."

This prompted Najib to write on his Facebook and Twitter accounts today that he will summon the natural resources and environment minister to explain his statement.

"I'll summon @GPalanivel to explain his reported comments at PWTC. He shd stop blaming others & must abide by the decision of the courts &RoS," Najib wrote on his Twitter account which also tagged Palanivel.

Saravanan said today Palanivel should be sacked from the Cabinet.

He said Palanivel can also be charged with contempt of court for appointing a secretary-general as this had gone against the orders of the court.

"The court had ordered the party to abide by the RoS and their orders is that no one in the party including Palanivel is in a position to appoint someone until the party matters are resolved.

"In fact, there was a letter issued to G.Kumar Aaman by RoS that he cannot be appointed as a secretary-general until all party matters are completely cleared off," he was quoted as saying.

The MIC saga erupted following differences in opinion between Palanivel and his deputy Datuk Seri S. Subramaniam after RoS issued a notice last December 5 directing the party to hold fresh elections for the three vice-presidential and 23 central working committee posts.

RoS had nullified the elections held in November 2013 following complaints of irregularities and ordered fresh polls to be held.

Palanivel took his case to the High Court but last Monday his two judicial review applications to quash the RoS directive to hold new elections were dismissed.

The court upheld the registrar's decision for the party to hold re-elections at all levels (branches and divisions), including the president's post.

The crisis also saw both Palanivel and Subramaniam claiming to be the party chief. – June 21, 2015.

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