

Stop Blaming Others, Abide By RoS Decision, Najib Tells Palanivel
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KUALA LUMPUR, June 21 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak Sunday ticked off MIC President Datuk Seri G Palanivel for twisting the facts and dragging others into the party crisis.

Najib, who is also Barisan Nasional (BN) chairman, in his tweet today said that he would summon Palanivel, who is Natural Resources and Environment Minister, to ask him to explain on the latter's statement made during the MIC special gathering with the party's branch chairmen at Putra World Trade Centre here yesterday.

"I'll summon @GPalanivel to explain his reported comments at PWTC. He should stop blaming others & must abide by the decision of the courts & RoS (Registrar of Societies)," Najib tweeted today.

During the gathering yesterday, Palanivel in speech said that the party was forced to hold fresh polls due to the intervention by BN and Najib himself.

"BN 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 said when addressing 5,000 delegates, including 2,760 branch chairmen.

On Dec 5 last year, the RoS had rejected the party's elections in Nov 2013 due to numerous complaints on irregularities and fraudulence, and ordered new polls for the posts of three vice-presidents and 23 central working committee (CWC) to be held.

On Feb 5 this year, RoS had redirected MIC to hold fresh polls for all elected posts between April and July, adding that the party must clean up the list of voters and branches established in 2012.

Trying to overturn the RoS' decision, Palanivel, along with vice presidents Datuk S. Sothinathan and Tan Sri S. Balakrishnan, former secretary-general A. Prakash Rao and its strategic director A.K. Ramalingam filed an applications in relation to the RoS' directive for the party to hold fresh elections.

However, on June 15, the High Court dismissed the two judicial review applications and told the party to abide RoS's earlier decision.

Meanwhile, in Putrajaya, BN Secretary-General Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor said Palanivel should not divert attention from the mess in MIC by blaming others, never mind Najib.

He said Palanivel should take responsibility for MIC leadership tussle.

We will not tolerate that, he said in a statement here today.

Tengku Adnan said Palanivel must hold party re-election based on the 2009 Central Working Committee (CWC) and the delegates list of 2012.

MIC members complained to RoS and it advised Palanivel to hold party re-election based on the 2009 CWC and the delegates list of 2012.

"The courts agree, and that is what Palanivel must do, he said.

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