

**"Don't Involve Us In Party Internal Crisis, We're Busy Helping Flood Victims" - MIC Youth
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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 8 (Bernama) -- MIC Youth does not want to be dragged by any side into the party's current internal crisis.

The wing's secretary, Arvind Krishnan stressed that MIC Youth was now busy helping flood victims and had no time to attend to the antics of any side, except if they wanted to really save MIC from being deregistered.

"Right now, we (MIC Youth) are doing service to the people, so do not involve us in the party's internal problems to serve their own political agenda," he said at a news conference held at the MIC headquarters, here, Thursday.

Arvind said this in response to a letter received from MIC secretary-general Datuk Kumar Silambaram yesterday, asking MIC Youth not to issue any statement in conflict with the party's stand.

Today, MIC Youth replied to the letter, stating that freedom of expression should not be stifled as the movement was only issuing statements for the good of the party and community with no political agenda.

Arvind said MIC Youth was prepared to cooperate with any side to save the 68-year-old party and hoped that all party members would unite to resolve the internal crisis to enable MIC to regain its glory.

The MIC crisis started last Dec 5 when the Registrar of Societies (ROS) ordered the party to hold re-elections for the three posts of vice-president and 23 Central Working Committee (CWC) seats within 90 days following complaints of abuse of power and actions that contravened the party constitution and Societies Act.

ROS asked the party to hold re-elections in eight divisions, namely Bayan Baru, Bukit Gelugor, Subang, Bandar Baru Kulim, Taiping, Tambun, Sepang and Jasin within 60 days.

It also ordered re-elections be held within 30 days for the posts of MIC Batu Kawan division deputy chairman, Kota Raja chairman, Tanjung Malim chairman and Taman Koperasi Polis branch chairman.

The Merlimau Utara and Rumah Pangsa Pekeliling Selatan branches were also ordered to hold re-elections within 30 days.

ROS advised MIC not to hold its annual general assembly until the issues have been resolved.

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