

We won't allow MIC to be deregistered, says Palanivel
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MIC president Datuk Seri G. Palanivel reassured members today that the party is addressing issues raised by the Registrar of Society (RoS), dismissing claims that he is trying to deregister the party by ignoring the matter.

Acknowledging fears that MIC will be deregistered within 90 days from December 5, 2014 if no re-election was conducted, Palanivel said efforts were being made to address the matter with RoS.

"There has been numerous allegations and misinformation being spread in the media in respect of the issues," he said in a statement today.

Clarifying the party's response, he said the findings and recommendations issued by RoS were made without MIC being given any opportunity to answer them.

Thus, he said lawyers had been appointed and a letter, dated December 24, had been sent to RoS seeking clarification.

"RoS replied in a letter dated December 31 and our lawyers are persuing all the issues and will advise on the next course of action.

"At this juncture, I am not able to give more details as it may prejudice MIC's rights and the party has also sent a letter to RoS on January 2 requesting an extension."

Former MIC central working committee (CWC) member Datuk R. Ramanan slammed Palanivel today, saying the party was at risk of being deregistered and the party president appeared reluctant to hold fresh elections.

He claimed that this was part of Palanivel's agenda to remain in power by allowing it to be deregistered and possibly forming a new party comprising of his supporters.

It was reported that RoS, on December 5, had decided to nullify the election of three vice-presidents and 23 members of the CWC at the party elections in 2013.

The registrar recommended that the posts be re-elected within 90 days, following alleged irregularities and breach of the party's constitution and the Societies Act. – January 4, 2015.

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