

BARISAN: NO HOPE FOR OPPOSITION IN PORT KLANG

KLANG, Thurs. — Port Klang Barisan Nasional secretary Encik Onn Ismail believes the Barisan will retain the Port Klang parliamentary and State seats in the general election.

"I am confident the Barisan will be successful because we are what the people want," said Encik Onn in an interview today.

Encik Onn who is also the Assemblyman for Sementa, said any Barisan candidate would be accepted by the people.

He said that the party's election machinery had been operating in the area since the last general election in 1978 while the opposition parties were only "waking up" now.

"The opposition parties exist only whenever elections are just around the corner,"

Encik Onn said the Barisan had set up an operations room in the three state constituencies of Sementa (held by Encik Onn), Kapar (Datuk Haji Sanad Said) and Selat Kelang (Mr Gan Chin Yen).

He said that he is not sure if the top leadership would want to "swap" seats among Barisan component parties in the constituency.

However, he said he would accept any seat as it would be in the interest of the party.

The DAP, however, is very confident of capturing the Port Klang parliamentary seat if Mr V. Govindaraj stands again.

Selat Kelang DAP chairman Mr M, Nadarajah said that Mr Govindaraj had not fulfilled many of the prom-

ises he made in the 1979 by-election.

"The DAP is now banking on this factor and even PAS might stand a very good chance of winning since most of the voters are Malays," he said.

In the 1979 by-election, PAS polled 7,500 votes compared with 3,000 votes in 1978 general election.

Mr Nadarajah added that the DAP had been preparing for this general election after it lost the 1979 by-election and with the growing support from the dissatisfied voters, he was confident that the DAP could unseat Mr Govindaraj.

Although the DAP has not selected its candidate yet Mr Nadarajah is confident that the voters will support any opposition candidate.