

Component parties

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to swap 4 State seats in Selangor

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. — There will be a swapping of four State seats among Barisan Nasional component parties in Selangor, Barisan Nasional's election director for Selangor and Federal Territory Datuk Haji Harun Idris said today.

The four are Sekincan (Umno), Ampang (MCA), Sungai Way (MIC) and Dengkil (Umno).

He said Sekincan, with a 1,000 over majority of Chinese, would be given to MCA and Umno would get Ampang, which has 12,000 majority of Malays.

In Dengkil, Indians are a majority and it was only fair that it be given to MIC in exchange for Sungai Way, he added.

Datuk Harun said that the MIC and Umno had agreed to swap Sungai Way and Dengkil while Umno and MCA have yet to finalise the exchange of Sekincan and Ampang seats.

"I have spoken to (Selangor MCA chief) Datuk Lee Kim Sui about this and he is agreeable to it but I have yet to meet (MCA president) Datuk Lee San

it is likely that Datuk Harun's political secretary Encik Fahmi Ibrahim, would contest the Ampang seat, last held by MCA's Tan Kai Sui.

In the Federal Territory, Datuk Harun also said that the question of who gets the Damansara seat has yet to be decided. The MIC wants to give up the seat and both the MCA and Umno are interested in it.

Datuk Harun stressed that the Barisan would have to depend on teamwork to score a big success and he hoped the MCA and Gerakan would draw up an "armistice" for the time being.

"It is a family quarrel and not a confrontation. But there should be an armistice for the election. After that they can do whatever they want."

Datuk Harun said that the Opposition did not have any issues to use against the Government this time and they might "be personal in their attack on our line-up."

"Our success will depend on teamwork and whether we field the right candi-

"rivalry" between MCA and Gerakan could affect the Barisan's chances in seats like Ulu Selangor and Petaling.

Datuk Harun said he was not aware whether any decision had been taken on which party should contest in Ulu Selangor.

"I have no say in the question of seat allocation. It is up to the top leadership to decide."

Asked whether Umno Youth leader Datuk Haji Suhaimi Kamaruddin would be nominated for the Sepang parliamentary seat again, Datuk Harun replied: "Yes, of course, unless he wants to run away and I don't think he wants to run away."

There have been indications that Datuk Haji Suhaimi could face a tough time getting re-elected as he is likely to be challenged by a PAS candidate and Encik Abdul Jabar Mohamed Yusof, who won the Batu Lintang State seat in the Parliamentary constituency in 1978 as an independent.

Encik Abdul Jabar is said