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GERAKAN URGED TO RECONSIDER DECISION ON KONG

KUALA LUMPUR, June 26 (Bernama) -- Gerakan should reconsider its decision not to take any action against its vice-president Datuk Kong Hong Ming for not adhering to the Barisan Nasional (BN) consensus on the recent amendment to a state law in Sabah, BN secretary-general Datuk Mohamed Rahmat said today.

This is important to ensure that decisions made by the BN are fully followed by all members of component parties, he told reporters after the weekly Cabinet meeting here.

"I have stated by view to to (Gerakan president) Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik and I also understand that many component parties in Sabah are very unhappy with the decision made by Gerakan in this matter," he said.

Apart from expressing regret over Kong's action of abstaining from voting when the bill to amend the Sabah Forestry Enactment was tabled at the state assembly on June 17, Gerakan decided not to take any action against the Kudat assemblyman.

Describing Kong's action as a bad precedent, Mohamed said it was not in line with the BN spirit.

Mohamed, who is the Information Minister, said all BN component party members should have supported the bill and those to amend four other state laws as "the whip was on".

"I salute Parti Akar (Angkatan Keadilan Rakyat). It appears that they really kept to the BN concept and were prepared to act against their member who did not follow the directive," he said.

Akar had expelled its nominated assemblyman Jahid Jahim for voting against the bill to amend the Forestry Enactment.

Asked if any action could be taken against Gerakan, Mohamed said he hoped the component party would give an explanation to Prime Minister and BN chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad. -- BERNAMA

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