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WANITA GERAKAN STILL WANTS CHONG OUT DESPITE THREAT

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 5 (Bernama) -- Wanita Gerakan will pursue its call to the party central committee to expel Datuk Joseph Chong although he had reportedly threatened to quit as Member of Parliament for Batu if he is sacked.

"It doesn't matter because if he wants to quit as Batu MP, he has to face Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad," Wanita Gerakan chief Datuk Kee Phaik Cheen said during the lunch break at the party's 25th national delegates' conference, here, today.

Dr Mahathir, who is Barisan Nasional chairman, opened the conference. The Wanita wing yesterday unanimously adopted a resolution to expel Chong saying that he had tarnished the party's image

Kee, who was returned unopposed, said Chong could continue to serve as an independent if he was expelled from Gerakan.

"We can wait. We are very patient people but the seat belongs to us and we have full confidence that this seat will not be given to any other BN component party," she added.

Kee said the Batu constituency had always been given by the BN to Gerakan which fielded Chong for the first time in last year's general election.

Chong failed in his bid to contest the Gerakan presidency after he was disqualified by the party election supervisory committee and lost a court battle to reinstate his candidacy. -- BERNAMA

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