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GIVE MP'S TWO WEEKS TO STUDY SEVENTH PLAN, SAYS OPPOSITION LEAD

KUALA LUMPUR, April 18 (Bernama) -- Opposition leader Lim Kit Siang today urged the government to give Members of Parliament at least two weeks to study the Seventh Malaysia Plan before it is tabled in Parliament on May 6.

MPs had yet to get copies of the plan, said Lim, who is DAP Secretary-General, in a statement here.

"The Seventh Malaysia Plan is definitely more important than ordinary Bills and it should be circulated to MPs at least two weeks before its debate, which means latest by next Monday," he said.

According to him, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had issued a directive to the Cabinet that every Bill should be circulated to MPs two weeks before it is tabled in Parliament.

The directive came after the special Parliamentary meeting on Jan 8 had to be adjourned without debate because the National Council of Higher Education Bill and the Private Higher Education Institutions Bill were then not yet circulated to the MPs. -- Bernama

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