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Gan to hand over business to family if he wins Repah seat

TAMPIN, Fri. - Barisan Nasional candidate Gan Chin Yap, 53, will give up his wide-ranging business dealings to his family members if he wins the Repah State by-election on May 29.

This is to enable him to serve the people effectively in return for the mandate given to him by the voters.

The pledge was contained in his campaign leaflet distributed to members of the public in the constituency.

In the leaflet, he thanked the BN and party members for giving him the confidence to be a candidate for the by-election.

Gan, who is Tampin MCA vice-chairman, will be involved in a straight fight with DAP's Wong Zee Nyok in the by-election following the death of Datuk Lay Chun Tai from cancer on April 29.

"Following the late Lay's illness, I had co-operated with other BN component parties to serve the constituents directly.

"My active involvement in politics has made me realise the importance of a representative to serve the people of Repah constituency," he said in the leaflet.

This realisation prompted Gan to decide to surrender his business dealings to family members so that he could fully serve the voters in Repah.

Gan said the country had experienced rapid growth under the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and had set a good example to other developing nations which all Malaysians were proud of.

He hoped that voters would vote for the BN.

Meanwhile, the MCA has lodged a police report against the DAP alleging breach of election procedures.

The party's campaign poster committee head Pang York Tee said they lodged a report at the district police station yesterday.

Pang said a group of DAP supporters had threatened him and several campaign workers after he questioned them for making use of BN's campaign poster pole erected at the town's roundabout on May 21.

"Following a complaint, we had gone to check the matter and found DAP campaign workers tying a string for their campaign poster onto a BN's pole.

"I told the group their action was against campaign procedures. They, however, refused to heed my warning and started hurling abuses and threatened to damage our car windscreens," he claimed.

Following a heated argument, Pang said, the DAP campaign workers finally decided to untie the string and left the place.

The district police confirmed receiving a report.

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