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Gerakan challenged to public debate

PENANG, Thurs. - DAP secretary-general Lim Kit Siang today challenged Gerakan president and Primary Industries Minister Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik to a public debate on the latter's campaign strategy for the Sungai Bakap by-election.

Lim said the debate would be to determine if the single issue "vote of confidence" in Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad as Prime Minister was doing Malaysia and the Prime Minister a service or disservice.

Lim said the debate, which should be in Bahasa Malaysia, Mandarin and English, be held over three days before polling on Nov 8, preferably in the Sungai Bakap constituency.

He said Dr Lim and Penang Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon could only turn the Sungai Bakap by-election into a vote of confidence in Dr Mahathir if they were absolutely confident and sure that Gerakan was not only going to win but with an even bigger majority than before.

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