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GERAKAN TO GO ALL OUT TO COMBAT CORRUPTION

KUALA LUMPUR, June 14 (Bernama) -- The Gerakan central committee has asked party leaders and members not to hesitate to report cases of corruption and abuse of power involving any of the leaders.

Party president Datuk Seri Lim Keng Yaik said the central committee at its meeting today discussed the need to eradicate corruption in the party after some members lodge reports alleging corruption among certain party leaders.

Lim did not mention the names of those alleged to be involved in corruption but said: "We will remove them and report them to the ACA (Anti Corruption Agency) or report them then remove them, either way."

Lim was speaking at a news conference after the four-hour long meeting at the party's headquarters at Menara PGRM in Cheras here.

He said the party headquarters will also monitor the behaviour of Gerakan district counselors, state exco members, members of parliament and ministers to ensure that they are not involved in any business dealings or give an impression that they are.

For instance, he said there are leaders who were given quotas of low cost houses and gave the houses to their family members instead of the poor and the homeless.

The decision to go all out in the fight against corrupt practices in the party is in full support of actions taken by the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir and Acting Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim in combating corruption in the government and the party level, he said.

Meanwhile, Gerakan will conduct a closed-door brainstorming session on June 27 and 28 to plan actions in beefing up the party and improve its service, political and election machineries.

"We will carry out a proactive program to improve our organisation liason with the constituencies and get ready for the next election whenever it comes," he said.

The session will also discuss the preparation of young leaders in the party that would be crucial in taking the party into the next century, he said. -- BERNAMA

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