

Gerak plans to hold rally in Kubang Pasu

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KUALA LUMPUR: Gerak will organise a rally in the Prime Minister's parliamentary constituency, Kubang Pasu, Kedah, next month.

"Gerak feels that the voters in Kubang Pasu should be given an explanation so that they will reject Dr Mahathir's leadership," Gerak spokesman Mahfuz Omar said.

Mahfuz, who is PAS Youth deputy chief, was speaking to reporters yesterday at the party headquarters in Gombak.

He said Gerak chairman Datuk Fadzil Noor, who is also PAS president, had met the police pertaining to the permit for the gathering.

"In Kedah, the party has several *markas* (headquarters), so the question of having a permit does not arise."

Meanwhile, the New

Straits Times Press and *Utusan Malaysia* denied that they had agreed to a meeting with Gerak representatives to discuss their newspapers' coverage of the movement.

Mahfuz had claimed the editors of three newspapers — *New Straits Times*, *Berita Harian* and *Utusan* — had agreed to the meeting.

An aide of New Straits Times Press (M) Bhd group editor-in-chief Datuk A. Kadir Jasin said: "Gerak had requested for an appointment but we (*NST* and *Berita Harian*) have not made any confirmation."

Utusan said it had never received any letter from Gerak requesting for a meeting.

"We do not know anything about it," group editor-in-chief Khalid Mohd's secretary said.