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Gerak wants Government to call for early polls

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - The Malaysian People's Justice Movement (Gerak) wants the Government to call for early elections to determine the people's support for the ruling Barisan Nasional coalition.

The demand was one of three contained in a memorandum which Gerak chairman Fadzil Mohd Noor and its committee members had tried to hand over to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the Prime Minister's Department and Parliament House today.

However, as no appointment had been made by the movement, they could not meet Dr Mahathir.

At a Press conference later, Fadzil said: "The memorandum is the result of our observations and research. We are merely giving our views and demands which we feel can help to sustain political stability.

"Although we are hampered by Dr Mahathir's refusal to meet us to discuss the political situation, we hope the Prime Minister would consider our views and demands."

On the authorities' contention that Gerak was an illegal movement, Fadzil said it was merely an ad-hoc committee which was established to seek justice for Internal Security Act detainees.

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