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Penang Gerakan `accepts situation'

NIBONG TEBAL, Fri. - Penang Gerakan will accept the reality that Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim is no longer Deputy Prime Minister and make any adjustment to development strategies "deemed necessary within the State".

Gerakan national vice-president Dr Goh Cheng Teik said although the State party leadership had been close to Anwar, the former Umno State liaison committee chairman and Umno deputy president, it would accept the situation.

He said this when asked whether Anwar's sacking from the Federal Cabinet would hamper development programmes in the State.

Goh was speaking after accompanying Yang di-Pertua Negeri Tun Hamdan Sheikh Tahir on a tour of the Silitek Corp (M) Sdn Bhd factory at Sungai Bakap, today.

Dismissing suggestions that the State Gerakan leadership under Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon had been "soft" on issues pertaining to Anwar, Goh, who is Nibong Tebal Member of Parliament, said: "Penang Gerakan's stand is clear and in line with the party national leadership stand stated by president Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik.

"Dr Lim has declared full support for Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on the (Anwar) issue."

He added that the party would continue to support actions taken by the Federal Government to restore and maintain public order and national security.

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