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RESOLVE PROBLEMS THROUGH PARTY CHANNELS, SAYS BN SEC-GEN

KOTA KINABALU, Jan 19 (Bernama) -- Barisan Nasional (BN) secretary general Datuk Mohamed Rahmat today reminded component parties in Sabah to resolve any problems and differences through the party or the government not the press.

"Don't bring up matters that could mar the image of the party and the government. BN is a family and family harmony must be safeguarded at all time," he told a news conference after attending the state BN meeting at BN Operations Office, Putatan Square near here today.

Mohamed, who is also Information Minister, said the national BN was satisfied with the performance of the state under the leadership of BN chairman Datuk Yong Teck Lee who is also Chief Minister and wanted the existing strength be strengthened.

"We know that not all members have the same view but if there are problems, we must resolve it within the family," he said.

Similarly, Mohamed said if members were not happy over certain matters, they could use channels with the party to resolve the matter.

Mohamed said that any decisions made by the BN government was that of the BN and it was not appropriate for any component parties to question the decision.

"If there is a problem don't go to the press because the press cannot solve problems. The press can only create more problems," he said.

On the next state election, Mohamed said he was confident that the BN would continue to remain in power irrespective of who would lead the state government.

He said the distribution of seats should not be made an issue and leaders in Sabah should follow the example of their counterparts in Sarawak and Peninsula.

To a question, he said he was satisfied with the progress made by the state government under Yong's leadership.

"Yong has done a very good job," he said.

Also present at the news conference were Yong and Land and Cooperative Development Minister Datuk Osu Sukam who is Sabah Umno Liaison Chief.

Earlier, Mohamed announced the appointment of 20 divisional BN chairmen, including Tan Sri Kasitah Gaddam who succeeds Datuk Mark Koding for Kinabalu division.

He also said the Sabah BN Convention would be held on Feb 20 and would be opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

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