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USE PARTY CHANNELS TO SOLVE ISSUES, GERAKAN MEMBERS TOLD

KUALA LUMPUR, June 26 (Bernama) -- Gerakan Deputy President Datuk Kerk Choo Ting today urged the youth and wanita wings to use the party channel to air their views on certain issues and seek solutions to problems.

He said the party leadership discouraged members from raising issues or voicing opinions in the mass media without consulting party leaders.

He, however, said this did not mean party members were barred from expressing their opinions via other avenues such as the mass media.

They should first bring the issues to the attention of the party leadership to find an amicable within the party, he said when opening the 11th Youth and Wanita assemblies at Gerakan headquarters, here.

"Exposing certain issues in public may lead to misunderstanding and confusion among party members and the people," said Kerk, who is Deputy International Trade and Industry Minister.

He said it had been Gerakan's tradition in the past 30 years to use party channels to discuss issues and resolve problems.

It was not because Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had asked Umno members to use the party channels to raise issues.

Dr Mahathir, who is also Umno President, made the call in his adjournment speech at the just-concluded 52nd Umno General Assembly.

Kerk said the party need to study the issues at hand before deciding on the next course of action.

Asked to comment on the party's youth wing which often raised the privatisation issue in the mass media, he said the movement had been given more leeway to voice its stand on certain issues.

However, the party leadership had its own approach to channel its views to the government, he added.

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