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ADDITIONAL MANIFESTO FOR KELANTAN, SAYS ANNUAR

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 16 (Bernama) -- The Kelantan Barisan Nasional (BN) will have an additional manifesto which will be unique to the state, just like that in Sabah and Sarawak, said Kelantan BN chief Datuk Annuar Musa today.

He said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is national BN chairman, had agreed for the three states to have their own manifesto in addition to the nationwide BN manifesto.

Apart from the issue of poverty, he said the Kelantan BN would also focus on the issue of basic infrastructures, land and land titles and the taxation system.

"We hope the people of Kelantan will give the BN the chance to govern the state. Rest assure, the BN will keep its promises made in the manifesto," he told reporters before meeting state Kemas directors at his office, here.

Annuar, who is Rural Development Minister, said the BN government would have the support and cooperation of all quarters including the palace, civil servants and federal government.

"This is important for a smooth administration of the state, something which has been lacking in the PAS administration," he said.

On preparation of the state election machinery, Annuar said the state BN had formed a 10,000-strong force, ready to carry out their respective tasks.

Annuar, who was optimistic about the BN's chances of forming the next government in Kelantan, the list of potential candidates had been submitted to Dr Mahathir.

"We have forwarded a line-up of potential candidates, the best we could think of, for the general election. We spare no effort in choosing the candidate for each constituency, even in PAS stronghold of Pengkalan Chepa," he said.

He said the potential candidates were chosen after taking into consideration the views at the divisional level and others to ensure they would win and form the new state government after the general election.

On his discussion with Kemas directors, Annuar said he just wanted to know the progress in the implementation of government policies, besides the problem of misinformation and slander against the government especially in the rural areas.

He said that as an institution associated with the rural population, Kemas must ensure that the government policies were implemented and the people briefed on the issues raised.

"At present, as the election gets nearer, many lies about the government are spread in the kampungs. It cannot be taken lightly because it is not just the question of politics. There's nothing to prevent Kemas as a government institution to stand up in defence of the government," he said.

Annuar said 14,000 Kemas staff nationwide would be deployed for the purpose.

"The people hopefully would look at Kemas as an institution of the government, not directly involved in politics and whose members are civil servants committed to defend the government policies and clear the air over lies told to the people," he said.

Annuar hoped that Kemas staff would redouble their efforts as well as

more sensitive and responsive to lies about the government, distributed in various ways including poison-pen letters, Internet and ceramahs.

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