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BN BELIEVES IT CAN TAKE KOTA MELAKA

MELAKA, Oct 9 (Bernama) -- Melaka MCA believes it is not impossible for it to take the Kota Melaka Parliamentary seat, considered a DAP stronghold, in the coming general election.

Melaka MCA chairman Datuk Wira Gan Boon Leong said the confidence was based on the fact that the electorate are now more mature and no longer swayed by sentiment or issues.

"We will offer the basics such as service, infrastructure, housing, social assistance and education," he said after chairing the first meeting of the Kota Melaka Barisan Nasional (BN) election machinery.

Gan, a Melaka state executive councillor, was recently appointed co-ordinator of the election machinery by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He said the opposition's harping on the fate of Lim Guan Eng, former Kota Melaka Member of Parliament who was recently released from jail for sedition and publishing false news, would not be an obstacle.

"The DAP will turn it into an issue in order to gain the sympathy of voters but the people will be able to differentiate between a candidate of a party that can deliver and one that cannot," he said.

The Kota Melaka Parliamentary seat has been held by the opposition for the past 30 years.

"Only DAP supporters accept the opposition party's attempt to paint the former Kota Melaka MP as a hero," he said.

Gan also said the MCA might name a woman candidate to contest in one of the five state seats within the Kota Melaka Parliamentary constituency.

The BN won two of the five state seats -- Alai and Duyong -- in the 1995 general election.

"We believe the two seats BN won are safe ... and, we see a good chance of winning Tengkeru. Bandar Hilir is 50-50 and so is Durian Daun," he said.

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