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BN CONFIDENT OF WINNING 27 STATE SEATS IN KELANTAN

KOTA BAHARU, Feb 4 (Bernama) -- Kelantan Barisan Nasional chairman Datuk Annuar Musa said the BN is confident of winning 27 seats out of the 43 Kelantan State Assembly seats in the coming general elections to topple Pas and form the state government.

He said the confidence was based on the close cooperation among BN leaders in the state in drawing up strategy to face the challenge from Pas.

"Yesterday, Datuk Ibrahim Ali (Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department), Datuk Mustapa Mohamed (Second Finance Minister) and I had reviewed each and every state constituency and we are satisfied that our chances are good in the 27 constituencies...and subsequently ensure that we will capture Kelantan," he told reporters here today.

The BN now have 17 seats while the rest are being held by Pas.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, during his visit to the state in the middle of last month, also said that the BN had drawn up a plan and strategy to win the election in Kelantan.

Annuar, who is also Minister of Rural Development, said he would also meet with Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah to discuss the strategy and approach to be used for the coming general election before submitting the plan to Dr Mahathir who is also Kelantan Umno Liaison head.

"I want to stress that the effort to capture Kelantan is not a gimmick or mere rhetoric as we feel the BN can form the government if Umno leaders and members want it and seriously work for it," he said.

Annuar said he and the three Kelantan Umno leaders had reached an understanding to give priority in capturing the state.

He said the plan and special measures for Kelantan would be announced by Dr Mahathir or by him soon.

In addition, he said, a series of road-shows led by him, as well as Tengku Razaleigh, Ibrahim and Mustapa would start next month to meet with all the people of Kelantan according to the schedule which had been drawn up.

He said he had also met with several corporate leaders, intellectuals and former politicians in Kelantan to seek their views and feedback which could be of help to the BN in the coming election.

Annuar said he would announce a special allocation for the benefit of the people in Kelantan on Feb 14 to show that the welfare of the people was of great importance to the BN.

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