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BN IN FOR A SHOCK, SAYS LIM

KUALA LUMPUR, June 3 (Bernama) -- DAP Secretary-General Lim Kit Siang today said the Barisan Nasional (BN) is going to be disappointed if it harbours hopes of capitalising on the opposition parties' "teething problem" in the next general election.

He said although the opposition parties had differences, including on the question of PAS' proposed Islamic state, they had a common objective to deny the BN a two-thirds majority or topple it in the election.

The agreement by DAP, PAS, Parti Keadilan Nasional and Parti Rakyat Malaysia (PRM) to join forces should be the basis for a "one-to-one" contest against the BN, he said in a statement.

"The question to be decided is the final shape and form of such an opposition cooperation, whether a United Front of the opposition, an electoral understanding, or a hybrid form of United Front and an electoral understanding," he said.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said in Tokyo yesterday that one reason the conditions now may look good for holding the general election is that "the opposition groups were not getting along among themselves." -- BERNAMA

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