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BN YOUTH LEADERS PLEDGE TO MAP OUT POLLS CAMPAIGN STRATEGIES

KOTA KINABALU, Feb 14 (Bernama) -- Sabah Barisan Nasional (BN) youth leaders have pledged to jointly map out election campaign strategies in all the 48 state seats in the state to ensure the ruling coalition emerged a clear victor in the state election to be held anytime now.

BN Youth secretary Zulkifli Alwi said they agreed to draw up a practical and effective strategies in a meeting held in Tenom yesterday.

"We have agreed to go all-out to help the BN candidates irrespective of which component parties they represent," he told reporters after attending a goodwill function attended by BN youth leaders from the Gaya, Tanjung Aru and Penampang parliamentary constituencies here today.

He said this was the first time youth leaders from all BN component parties in Sabah have come forward to collectively work out the strategies particularly in opposition strongholds.

In the 1994 state polls, election campaigns were either carried out separately or individually but it is totally a different scenario in this election, said Zulkifli, who is also Umno Youth assistant secretary.

Zulkifli said the State BN Youth had set up a secretariat at Putatan Square, near here, which would function as the movement's election operations centre during the polls.

He said the movement would organise goodwill programmes in every constituency to prove to Sabahans that the State BN component parties were united and not at loggerheads as alleged by the opposition.

The unity and solidarity in the Sabah BN Youth would be evident when some 1,000 youth leaders turn up to welcome Prime Minister and BN chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Thursday.

Dr Mahathir will be in Sabah on a three-day working visit from Thursday.

Zulkifli said the State BN Youth also agreed to observe party discipline by leaving it to the top party leaders to decide on the candidates for the polls.

At the function, the youth leaders took a pledge to protect Malaysia's sovereignty from internal and external threats.

\* Protect the sanctity of Islam from being used as a tool for narrow political interests and defend the religious freedom in the plural society.

\* Lead a lifestyle suited to democratic values and eastern culture.

\* Strive to ensure BN's victory in the upcoming state elections.

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