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CHINESE HAVE REACHED CONSENSUS TO SUPPORT BN, SAYS LING

KAMPAR, Nov 25 (Bernama) -- With only four days to the polls on Monday, the Chinese community have reached a consensus to support the Barisan Nasional (BN), MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said today.

He said this observation was based on feedback from the voters during his rounds all over the country.

"I believe that the majority of them will support Barisan Nasional," he told reporters after visiting the Perak branch temporary campus of the Tunku Abdul Rahman (TAR) College, here.

He said the Chinese community would not accept PAS leaders like Fadzil Noor, Datuk Nik Aziz Nik Mat and Hadi Awang or even former deputy prime minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim who still in jail.

He said expectation of strong support from the Chinese for the BN was also based on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's success in lifting Malaysia out of the recent economic doldrums.

On the DAP, he said the Chinese were now wise to the ploy of its secretary-general, Lim Kit Siang, who said in front of them that he did not agree to the establishment of an Islamic state but supported the proposal when he was with PAS.

He also accused Lim and DAP vice-chairman Karpal Singh of cronyism and nepotism in the selection of the party's candidates for the general election.

Dr Ling also said that the TAR College Perak branch permanent campus would be ready in 2001.

The RM25 million campus would be equipped with state of the art learning facilities and sports facilities like an Olympic size swimming pool, multipurpose hall and squash courts which would be shared with the residents of Kampar.

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