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COURSE TO PREPARE FOR GENERAL ELECTIONS NEXT MONTH

IPOH, March 19 (Bernama) -- Perak Umno will hold special courses in preparation for the general elections early next month, beginning with a course for the Youth and Wanita movements at the state level.

The one-day course known as "Gerak-Persediaan Pilihanraya" or "General Election Preparation Exercise" would also be held at the divisional and branch levels to strengthen the party's election machinery, Menteri Besar Tan Sri Ramli Ngah Talib said after chairing a meeting of the Perak Umno, here today.

Ramli, who is also Perak Umno Liaison Chief, said the meeting today also planned the itinerary for the visit by Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to Perak on April 29 and 30.

Among the programmes planned were a meeting with leaders of Barisan Nasional (BN) at the state level and a meet-the-people session.

He said a village in Perak would be chosen for the prime minister to visit where he will deliver a speech touching on current issues.

He hoped that the preparation made and the visit by the prime minister would enhance party solidarity in facing the allegations and criticism made by the opposition parties which had gained momentum lately.

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