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DO NOT ALLOW DISAPPOINTMENT RUIN PARTY- MOHAMED RAHMAT

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 11 (Bernama) -- Barisan Nasional Secretary-General Datuk Seri Mohamed Rahmat today reminded BN component party members not to allow disappointment over not being selected as candidates ruin the party.

He said during this election period loyalty to the party should be their top priority to ensure that the BN secured an even bigger mandate from the people.

"When we receive a big mandate we can form a strong government which can handle challenges and trials from both within and without," he told reporters at the BN headquarters here.

He was confident that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who would have the final say in the choice of candidates would consider all aspects before the selection was made.

"Hence those not selected, should not be disappointed but continue to support the party," he added.

Mohamed believed that the names of the BN candidates would be announced on the eve of nomination day.

"The names are not announced earlier as it is feared there will be problems as this is a sensitive issue," he said.

He was confident that all component parties would accept the list of candidates decided by Dr Mahathir.

On the possibility of two component parties wanting to contest the same seat, he said this type of issues would be resolved in the BN spirit of unity and comradeship.

"In the initial stage there may be some disappointment but in the end the spirit of the party will supersede everything else," he said.

Asked whether he would defend his Pulai Parliamentary seat in Johor, Mohamed said, "Still can?...am already old."

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