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DR CHANDRA URGES KEADILAN WANITA TO EMULATE WANITA UMNO

KUALA LUMPUR, May 9 (Bernama) -- Parti Keadilan Nasional (Keadilan) deputy president Dr Chandra Muzaffar today urged the party's Wanita movement to emulate the role played by Wanita Umno in contributing to the party's development.

He said Wanita Umno had succeeded in developing and strengthening Umno in its struggles together with the Youth movement and the party's top leadership.

"If we look at the history and strength of Umno, the role and contribution of its Wanita movement was significant, for example, in terms of assisting the party in general elections, to garner votes (for Umno's victory) and also in terms of championing the party's cause in general," he said when closing the Keadilan Top Leadership Convention, at the party's headquarters in Damansara.

At a press conference later, Chandra said Keadilan was ready to face the general elections which would be held in April next year at the latest.

He said the party's election machinery was now planning various programmes including a nationwide tour by its leaders to explain Keadilan's cause.

He said Keadilan now had more than 100,000 members and 80 divisions throughout the country.

Asked on the latest issue that Pas president Datuk Fadzil Mohd Noor would contest against Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in Kubang Pasu in the coming general elections as it was believed that Pas was gaining ground there, Chandra said: "We don't care who stands in Kubang Pasu. What is important is that our `objective' is achieved."

However, he declined to elaborate on the matter. Earlier, it had been said that Keadilan president Datin Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail would challenge Dr Mahathir in Kubang Pasu.

Meanwhile, DAP Vice Chairman Dr Tan Seng Giaw in his speech during the Federal Territory DAP meeting here which was faxed to the media said, DAP will contest in at least six constituencies in Kuala Lumpur (the same as in the last election).

The six constituencies are Cheras, Seputeh, Segambut, Bukit Bintang, Bandar Tun Razak and Kepong.

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