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Gerakan lauds PM's UN speech

PENANG, Sat. - Gerakan today lauded Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for his speech at the United Nations General Assembly in New York recently.

In praising the Prime Minister for the hard-hitting address, Gerakan president Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik said Dr Mahathir had rightly used the opportunity to explain and counter the misinformation that had been spread about Malaysia.

"We are very proud of Dr Mahathir who was brave and decisive. The standing ovation which he received showed what he said went down very well with delegates from most countries," he said.

He was speaking after chairing the Gerakan central committee meeting. Also present was Penang Chief Minister and State party chairman Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon.

Dr Lim said Gerakan was disturbed by the opposition that had been casting aspersions on the Government without any proof or facts - the latest being the alleged arsenic poisoning of former Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Dr Lim said the party's central committee was also happy that the issue of the appeal by Hua Tuan Chinese associations had been resolved with the clear understanding that they were merely the aspirations of the Chinese community and not demands made in the face of the election.

He said Gerakan would also take up with the Education Ministry the issue of mission schools faced with the problem of not getting their land leases renewed upon expiry.

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