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Gerakan plans to field incumbents for the polls

SITIAWAN, Fri. - All incumbent MPs from Gerakan will be retained to contest in the general election, party president Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik said.

He said Gerakan would include new and old faces to feature in the remaining five parliamentary and 27 State assembly seats allotted to the party.

"This election will allow Gerakan to go through a renewal process and prepare itself for the millennium," he told reporters after attending the SJK (C) Kampung Jering teachers' day dinner near here last night.

Dr Lim said the party had been given a total of 10 parliamentary seats to contest.

However at the moment, the party is represented in Segambut, Bruas, Taiping, Bukit Bendera and Nibong Tebal.

It lost the Batu seat after Joseph Chong was sacked from the party.

The others allocated to the party are Kepong, Teluk Intan, Jelutong and Tanjung parliamentary seats which are held by the DAP.

He said about 30 per cent of the existing Assemblymen would also be replaced.

Lim, who is Primary Industries Minister, said a central executive council meeting would be held tomorrow to finalise the list.

"I will then hand over the list to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for endorsement."

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