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GERAKAN TO UNVEIL CANDIDATE LINE-UP ON WEDNESDAY

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 13 (Bernama) -- Gerakan will announce on Wednesday its full candidate line-up for the Nov 29 general election, its president Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik said today.

He said he would submit the list a day before to Prime Minister and Barisan Nasional (BN) chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for his approval.

"The list will be released to the media on Wednesday in the presence of the candidates," he told reporters after the party's central working committee meeting here.

Also present were deputy president Datuk Kerk Choo Ting, vice-president Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon, secretary-general Chia Kwang Chye and other senior party leaders.

Lim said the meeting decided that 50 per cent would be new faces for parliamentary seats and 30 per cent newcomers for state seats.

Lim said the move was in line with the party's policy to give room for new faces and to prove that it was grooming younger leaders to face political challenges in the new millennium.

He, however, declined to comment on speculations in the newspapers that some senior party leaders would be dropped.

Lim said the meeting also decided not to accept offers for swapping of seats among BN component parties.

Gerakan has been allocated 10 parliamentary and 27 state seats for the election.

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