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KARPAL SINGH DARES PM TO CONTEST IN JELUTONG

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 18 (Bernama) -- DAP deputy chairman Karpal Singh today challenged Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to stand against him for the Jelutong parliamentary seat which he is defending in the upcoming general election.

He said in a statement here that there would be no BN candidate stronger than the prime minister to contest against him.

"I challenge the prime minister to stand against me in Jelutong. No BN candidate can be stronger than the prime minister," he said.

He was responding to Gerakan president Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik's statement yesterday that the prime minister wanted him to look for a stronger candidate to field against Karpal Singh in Jelutong.

Karpal Singh said the BN, however, should not underestimate the intelligence of Jelutong voters who had backed him for five consecutive terms.

In another statement, DAP secretary-general Lim Kit Siang said that apart from Karpal Singh, the party would also field its vice-chairman, Dr Tan Seng Giaw, to defend his Kepong parliamentary seat.

He said the party was now in the final stage of preparing its candidates' list.

"DAP will be fielding at least three well-known NGO (non government organisation) personalities as candidates," he said.

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