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MCA AND GERAKAN MAY SWAP SEATS, SAYS DR LING

MELAKA, Nov 13 (Bernama) -- MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik today said that the party might swap about 10 percent of its seats with Gerakan in the coming general election.

This would be done if it could increase the chances of MCA or Gerakan winning, he said.

"The principle (of seat swapping) is to ensure a victory for Barisan Nasional...the right party and the right candidate must be fielded to ensure victory," he told reporters after visiting the state MCA headquarters here.

Dr Ling said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had indicated the possibility of seat swapping but the ratio of seats would remain the same.

He said all the BN component parties had agreed to the idea and the final decision would be made by Dr Mahathir.

He said the swapping would be done mainly in the Federal Territory.

Dr Ling said MCA's candidates list would be announced after approval from Dr Mahathir in a day or two.

Asked on MCA's chances in Kota Melaka, he said the people were getting fed up with DAP's lack of action and its consistently negative and destructive attitude.

DAP had won the Kota Melaka parliamentary seat for the past 30 years.

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