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NO NEED FOR SPECIFIC LAW AGAINST EPILEPTIC DRIVERS - LING

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 8 (Bernama) -- Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said today there is no need for a specific regulation prohibiting epileptics from driving.

This, he said, was because the existing regulation requiring driving licence applicants to undergo a medical examination was sufficient.

"We want to stress on not only epilepsy but also other diseases like heart diseases, diabetes and high blood pressure which can also endanger the driver, passenger and other road users," he told reporters.

Dr Ling was commenting on a suggestion by Dr Y.S.Choy of the Kuala Lumpur Hospital's Padiatrics Institute, made at a medical conference here, that the government introduce a law barring epileptics from driving to reduce accidents.

Dr Ling, who is MCA president, was also asked to comment on the Barisan Nasional (BN) manifesto for the coming general election.

He said the manifesto would stress on stability and harmony because these were fundamental requisites for any body, community and nation.

Without stability and harmony, a nation could not achieve progress, he said.

Yesterday, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the BN manifesto would stress on racial harmony to ensure there was no tension among the people.

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