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OPPOSITION HAVE NO COMMON OBJECTIVE, SAYS MULUK

BUKIT MERTAJAM, Nov 27 (Bernama) -- The parties in the opposition coalition that is vying to form an alternative government have no common objective right from the start, said former DAP deputy secretary general Abdul Muluk Daud.

He claimed there was no consensus among leaders of the so-called Alternative Front especially the DAP, Keadilan and PAS and they could not agree on seat allocation.

He described the cooperation among the opposition pact as "play-acting" because they could not be together in reality but were forced to do so merely to fish for votes to win the election.

He was confident that the DAP would leave the pact should the Alternative Front win the election because its secretary general Lim Kit Siang could never accept a coalition of multi-racial parties.

Speaking to reporters after meeting Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who officiated the Seberang Perai Polytechnic in Permatang Pauh here, he said the DAP was prepared to do anything to win the election.

Muluk said Kit Siang had stated his stand at the Central Working Committee (CWC) that the DAP had to look after its "traditional base" that is the Chinese community.

Muluk said the DAP must be careful in forging cooperation with other parties especially PAS because such relationship could erode grassroot support.

He also disclosed that Kit Siang used to get angry and fed up with Parti Keadilan Nasional deputy president Dr Chandra Muzaffar who frequently asked for more seats to be allocated to the party.

"Kit Siang was also not happy with the name 'Barisan Alternatif' and he had never agreed on the name as he thought there was no necessity for another barisan after the Barisan Nasional (BN)," he said.

Muluk also challenged Kit Siang to deny that the party had received financial support from foreigners because he was part of a delegation of 10 DAP leaders to Sweden for two weeks in 1996.

He claimed that he was made to understand their trip was at the invitation of the Swedish Social Democratic Party (SAP), that is the ruling party in Sweden but after looking at a letter from Stockholm sent by SAP International deputy secretary, Roger Hallhag, it was clear that the trip was made on the initiative of Lim Guan Eng and James Wong.

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