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Perak BN to focus on securing grassroots support

IPOH, Fri. - The Perak Barisan Nasional will concentrate on securing grassroots support to ensure the coalition's two-thirds majority in the coming general election.

State BN chairman and Menteri Besar Tan Sri Ramli Ngah Talib said measures to be taken included the setting up of an election operations room by BN component parties in areas where a particular community had a majority.

"This is apart from the divisions' main operations room which will co-ordinate with the smaller operations rooms," he told reporters after chairing the State BN meeting at his residence today.

To strengthen grassroot support further, Ramli said another round of muhibbah gatherings would be organised by Umno branches in their areas. The first was held a few weeks ago.

"Such programmes will help foster closer ties among the people, party and members," he said.

In another development, about 25,000 people are expected to attend the BN 25th anniversary celebrations at the Stadium Indera Mulia on Oct 24.

Several programmes have been lined up, including a live recording of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's speech through teleconferencing from the national event at Bukit Jalil Stadium.

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