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RAMLI EXPECTED TO SEEK RE-ELECTION IN KAMPUNG GAJAH

IPOH, Nov 18 (Bernama) -- Tan Sri Ramli Ngah Talib is expected to seek re-election in Kampung Gajah and be appointed Menteri Besar if he wins, according to Barisan Nasional sources here.

The sources said he was confirmed as the BN candidate for the state seat after his meeting with BN Chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad this morning.

Ramli said that he had a meeting with Dr Mahathir but he neither confirmed nor denied that he would stand in Kampung Gajah.

"The announcement will be made tomorrow," he said after a meeting with Malay businessmen organised by the Perak Malay Chamber of Commerce.

Ramli said he discussed the list of candidates for Perak with Dr Mahathir and the final list would be received tonight.

Tomorrow's announcement would put an end to speculation over the post of Menteri Besar as previously there was talk that Ramli would be replaced by others such as Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Tajol Rosli Ghazali.

Ramli has represented Kampung Gajah for 11 years and has been the Menteri Besar since 1983.

In the General Election of 1995, Ramli retained the Kampung Gajah seat with a majority of 10,120 votes against a candidate of the then Parti Melayu Semangat 46 Ahmad Mustafa Abdullah.

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