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RESIGN IF YOU WANT TO BE ACTIVE IN POLITICS, GHAFAR TELLS TEACHERS

PASIR PUTEH, Oct 22 (Bernama) -- Teachers who are using students for the interest of political parties of their choice should resign, said Umno veteran Tun Ghafar Baba today.

He said this way they could then be active in politics without jeopardising education of their students.

"I hope teachers will not play politics on the sly but resign and enter politics, get majority in parliament and then they can made whatever amendments they like," he told reporters after meeting mukim development supervisors (PPM) in Selising state constituency, here.

He was commenting on challenge by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to teachers yesterday to resign and not to use students to hate the government.

Tun Ghafar said that when he a teacher under the British colonial rule he resigned to be active in politics.

"I realised then that as long as the British was in power, the interest of the Malays would be neglected. So I decided to resign and join politics," he said.

Asked about campaigns of the opposition parties including PAS for the coming general election, Tun Ghafar who is also a former deputy prime minister said they had nothing concrete to show the people and country, only playing with people's sentiments to hate the government and raising issues which could undermine peace.

As such, he said it would be to the advantage of the Barisan Nasional (BN) to counter the lies spread by the opposition.

"We urged the people to choose a stable government as stability guarantees the country's sovereignty from outside threat."

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