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17-POINT PETITION SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN MADE- MALAY CHAMBER

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 28 (Bernama) -- The pre-election demands made by Chinese guilds and associations appear to be a threat to the Government and should not have been made, Acting President of the Kuala Lumpur City Malay Chamber of Commerce Syed Amin AlJeffri said today.

He said the so called 17 points seemed to indicate that the Government had not been fair in handling the interests of the various races in the country.

"They should not make such demands. What is the motive...it looks as if they want to draw up a Constitution for Malaysia," he told reporters at his office here.

Syed Amin said his chamber would send a letter objecting to the demands to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad by tomorrow.

He said among the 17 points unacceptable to the chamber were:

- \* Formulating an Act to prevent racial discrimination and abolishing the distinction of races as Bumiputeras and Non-Bumiputeras.

- \* Drawing up election boundaries based on the principle of one person one vote, reviving local government elections and holding elections for the Upper House of Parliament, the Dewan Negara and

- \* Allocation of land to farmers irrespective of race and the abolishing of the quota system based on race.

Syed Amin said the government at present was clearly looking after the interests of all Malaysians made up of various races and religions.

He said his chamber fully supported the government's policies and stood solidly behind it because through its system of administration all Malaysians of various races were able to enjoy wealth and were free to practise their respective religions and cultures.

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