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TWO LIMS REITERATE SUPPORT FOR BN

PULAU PINANG, Dec 4 (Bernama) -- Lim Boo Chang and Lim Chien Aun, whose resignations from Gerakan have unsettled the party, today reiterated their support for Barisan Nasional (BN) and pledged to serve their constituents as independents under the coalition.

In a two-page statement, the Lims said they did not leave Gerakan to work against the BN.

"We have already declared our wholehearted support for BN under the able leadership of our Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad," they said.

Boo Chang, the Datuk Keramat assemblyman, and Chien Aun (Bayan Lepas), quit Gerakan two days ago to become independents under BN, saying they have lost confidence in the state party leadership.

Chien Aun is a son of former Chief Minister Tun Dr Lim Chong Eu while Boo Chang is a son of Gerakan founder member Datuk Lim Ee Heong.

They said their victories in the just-concluded general election were due to the people's support for the BN policies mapped out by Dr Mahathir.

"In fact, during our election campaign period, voters came forward to confirm this stance and commented on the poor performance of the state government," the statement said.

They regretted Gerakan president Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik's statement yesterday that their decision to leave the party was treacherous and deceitful, and was influenced by power brokers.

"Such a statement by a party leader is highly unbecoming and an insult to our intelligence and our independence. We are mature politicians. Our fathers were instrumental in the formation of Gerakan.

"We do not need or rely on so-called power brokers which only exist in Keng Yaik's imagination to make decisions for us," they said.

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