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BN'S RESPONSIBILITY TO MEET DEWAN RAKYAT QUORUM, SAYS DAP

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 17 (Bernama) -- It is the Barisan Nasional's responsibility to meet the quorum in the Dewan Rakyat since all matters undertaken are that of the BN government, said the DAP.

DAP secretary general Kerk Kim Hock said the number of opposition MPs (43 from DAP, PAS and Keadilan and another two from PBS) is more than adequate to meet the quorum of 26 out of 193 members.

"Still, the moral calls for the BN to meet the quorum," said Kerk (DAP-Kota Melaka) to Bernama at Parliament building here today.

He was asked to comment on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's reminder yesterday to BN MPs to be present so as not to create problems in meeting the quorum in the Dewan Rakyat.

Dr Mahathir said attendance will be taken into consideration in determining the BN's candidates for the next general election.

Datuk Ruhanie Ahmad (BN-Parit Sulong) said opposition MPs too need to play their part in meeting the quorum since they are also members.

He said opposition MPs could not leave it to BN MPs alone to meet the quorum.

Datuk Ahmad Zahid Hamidi (BN-Bagan Datok), in commenting on the matter, said attendance by young and new MPs is not a problem.

"It may be a problem with older members who are indisposed," he said.

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