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GERAKAN ASKS POLICE TO ENHANCE MONITORING OF HATE CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES

KUALA LUMPUR, July 16 (Bernama) -- Gerakan has called for increased surveillance by the police on groups whose hate campaigns against the government and extremist tendencies may lead to chaos in the country.

Its president, Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik, said today appropriate action must be taken against these groups if it was proven that they indulged in such activities.

"We must take action against these people because we do not want our peace and the safety of the people to be compromised," he said in an obvious reference to the recent arms heist in Gerik, Perak, perpetrated by members of the deviationist movement, Al-Ma'unah, which ended in their surrender and the killing of two security forces personnel.

He told reporters this after opening the Kuala Lumpur Gerakan Youth and Wanita delegates' conference, here.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had revealed that the group intended to topple the government through violent means.

Earlier, in his speech, Dr Lim said the party needed knowledgeable and articulate leaders who were capable of explaining recent developments in the country to the people, especially the rural folk.

"Gerakan leaders must go down to them and explain the danger posed by the culture of hatred being instilled in this country by certain groups," he added.

He said that apart from being service-oriented, party leaders and members must be able to engage the opposition in debates to counter the lies and half-truths that were being spread, including over the arms heist.

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