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Gerakan delegates to meet in Penang

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. - The importance of preserving racial unity will be one of the topics to be discussed at the Gerakan national delegates conference in Penang from Sep 22 to Sep 24.

Barisan Nasional chairman and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is scheduled to open it.

Gerakan president Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik in his keynote address said, he would advise delegates about the important lessons the members could learn from the Aug 2 arms heist incident in Grik, Perak.

He said he would instruct the Gerakan youth wing to address social problems faced by the younger generation.

"In an era when Malaysia is experiencing rapid industrialisation, we find many youngsters are getting involved in drug addiction, gambling and illicit sex," he said.

On this problem, Dr Lim said he would encourage the wing to have more discussions with various youth bodies to solve it.

Discussions will also cover the changing role of women in society and how the party can help enhance their status.

On the proposal by the Malaysian Chinese Organisation Elections Appeal Committee (Suqiu) on Malay special rights, Dr Lim said he would remind the delegates that sensitive issues should only be discussed at proper forums to preserve peace in the country.

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