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Keng Yaik: Join politics to serve not `cari makan'

MALACCA, Sun. - Gerakan has urged its party members and component Barisan Nasional members to practise the true meaning of being involved in politics, that is to serve the people.

Its president Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik said people should not be involved in politics if they are out to "cari makan" (make a living).

"People should go into politics for the basic reason of serving the people and the country, and not to make a living.

"Those who enter politics must always be transparent and clean," he said.

Dr Lim said this to reporters after launching the State Gerakan annual general meeting today.

Also present were its deputy president Datuk Kerk Choo Ting, secretary-general Chia Kwang Chye and State Gerakan chief Datuk Chua Peng Song.

He pointed out that the reason why Barisan Nasional fared quite poorly in the last general election was that it was portrayed as failing to serve the people.

For this reason, Dr Lim said, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had instructed BN Members of Parliament and State Assemblymen to go down to the people and serve them.

"The reason for BN's poor showing was not due to the people supporting Pas' Islamic Government; it was due to our mistake of not serving the people," he said.

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