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MONITOR PERFORMANCE OF ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES, STATE BN BODIES TOLD

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 15 (Bernama) -- State Barisan Nasional (BN) liaison committees have been directed to extend its monitoring of the participation of Members of Parliament in the Dewan Rakyat sitting to state assemblymen in the state legislative assembly sitting.

BN secretary-general Tan Sri Mohamed Rahmat said that the bodies should also monitor the effectiveness of the services rendered by the BN elected representatives to the local community.

They should not serve only the races which their parties represent, he said.

Mohamed said that the BN places very serious attention to the performance of elected representatives and had introduced various measures like making it a requirement for elected representatives to submit monthly reports to the BN headquarters, since September this year, to ensure that they provide quality and satisfactory service.

"We do not want the BN elected representatives only to collect their daily allowance but sleep, not doing anything," he told a news conference after a special meeting with state BN secretaries at the BN headquarters here.

At the meeting, Mohamed also presented letters of appointment to BN state and divisional chairmen, approved by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad. Their appointments took effect on Aug 1, this year and will extend to July 31, 2003.

Mohamed said that the BN headquarters had been receiving the monthly reports from elected representatives on their activities and services to their respective constituents.

The reports need to include the places they have visited, official and unofficial activities they have attended, problems affecting the people detected and resolved, and projects approved in their respective constituencies. They will also need to disclose the number of constituents they have met.

On the monitoring of BN MPs, Mohamed said that their performance was being gauged in all aspects, from their attendance and participation in parliament to their services to the community.

"The views of their constituents are also taken into account," he said.

The report on this monitoring effort, carried out a few months ago, was submitted from time to time to Dr Mahathir, he said.

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