

Reps ignore PM's order

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Half of Barisan elected reps did not submit monthly activities report

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KUALA LUMPUR, Tues: Despite the prime minister's directive and repeated warnings, half of Barisan Nasional's elected representatives have not submitted monthly activities reports to the coalition headquarters.

BN secretary-general Tan Sri Mohamed Rahmat said Barisan chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's directive went unheeded despite warnings and repeated notices.

"Many have not submitted their reports as if they have not done

anything in their constituencies. The number is higher among state assemblymen than MPs.

"This is a serious issue and I hope they (MPs and state assemblymen) are not taking this lightly. The reports are the basis for their re-selection in the next general election," he added.

Mohamed told a press conference after chairing a meeting of state BN secretaries that he has the list of those who have or have not submitted reports.

Last year, the BN supreme council decided that its 148 MPs and 379 assemblymen submit detailed monthly reports on what they have done in their constituencies as proof of their work.

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The reports, which are to be scrutinised by the secretary-general, will also help the representatives in their bid to be picked to re-contest the next general election.

Mohamed also said there has been feedback from the grassroots that certain representatives have not gone down to their

constituencies.

"We cannot accept this irresponsible attitude. They have breached the mandate given by the people," he said.

"How are they going to earn the public's support?"

He advised the representatives to change "as we want them to serve the people, not accumulate personal wealth".