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KEDAH BN PROPOSES ESTABLISHMENT OF VOTERS AFFAIRS DEPT

ALOR SETAR, Sept 13 (Bernama) -- The Kedah Barisan Nasional (BN) has proposed that a Voters Affairs Department be set up under the Home Ministry to handle the problem of phantom and import voters.

The proposal was among 11 resolutions passed at its convention here yesterday.

The resolutions were submitted by Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain in his capacity as Kedah BN chairman to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at a gathering with the people at the Sultan Abdul Hamid College, here, today.

The resolution, which also proposed that the department be directly connected to the National registration, was made to resolve the problem of phantom and import voters to ensure the credibility and integrity of elections in the country.

The issue of phantom and import voters came to light after Dr Mahathir claimed that PAS had transferred more than 500 people who were not residing or working in Anak Bukit to the state constituency for the recent by-election there.

Another resolution called for action to be taken against subversive elements, religious extremists, those who undermined unity and practitioners of deviationist cultures.

The Kedah BN also called on the leaders of all political parties, communities, religious organisations and non-governmental organisations to honour the "social contract" which had been agreed to by the races to maintain the supremacy of the Malays.

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