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NEXT POLLS TEST OF BN'S CHARACTER, SAYS SYED RAZAK

ALOR SETAR, Sept 12 (Bernama) -- Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain today reminded Barisan Nasional (BN) parties in Kedah that the big challenge in facing the next general election will be a test of their spirit of cooperation.

The integrity of BN component parties would be questioned if they failed to show genuine understanding and cooperation, he said.

"The main reason is that there have been episodes showing lack of confidence in the principles of coalition enshrined in the social contract that was agreed upon long ago," he said when opening the Kedah BN convention here.

He also urged BN component parties to be prepared to face elements of radical politics and extreme actions.

Syed Razak said PAS and the other opposition parties were not bothered about coming up with a development agenda for the state and instead were busy with their campaign of lies.

Therefore, the opposition had been very effective in its campaign of lies to win elections, he said.

He said they had ample time to draw up their strategies and concentrate on transferring voters with the help of their supporters.

"Since we already know of PAS' tactic of lying, it is appropriate for us to evaluate the preparedness and capabilities of each BN party," he said.

The resolutions adopted at the one-day convention, themed "Towards Victory in the 2004 Election", will be handed over to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at a gathering here tomorrow.

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