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PENANG BN FORMS SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR BY-ELECTIONS

PENANG, June 29 (bernama) -- The Penang Barisan Nasional (BN) has formed a special committee for the July 18 by-election for the Pendang parliamentary and Anak Bukit state seats.

State BN Chief Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon said members of the committee, headed by state BN vice-chairman Datuk Dr Hilmi Yahaya, were secretaries from BN component parties in the state.

The committee would coordinate all aspects of the BN campaign in the two constituencies, he told reporters after chairing a special meeting of the state BN coordinating committee here today.

The two seats fell vacant following the death of their elected representative, Datuk Fadzil Noor who was PAS president on June 23.

The Election Commission has fixed July 10 for nominations.

Dr Koh said the meeting also passed a resolution supporting Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's intention to resign from all posts in the party and government after October next year.

It also expressed support to Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi as successor, he said.

Dr Koh also announced the immediate appointment of Datuk Cheah Eu Keat as BN treasurer to succeed Datuk Lim Yak Hwa who wished to retire after 11 years holding the post.

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