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DESPERADOES TRYING TO DESTROY ME POLITICALLY, SAYS CHONG

KOTA KINABALU, Nov 15 (Bernama) -- Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) president Datuk Chong Kah Kiat today claimed that there is a group of desperadoes from outside "who have sworn to destroy him politically and harm as well as weaken the party and its leadership".

He said that part of the group's campaign involved the distribution of poison-pen letters and the community was fully aware of who were behind such dirty campaign.

"Although we detest these leaflets, I urge LDP members to ignore them and remain calm. Do not be easily provoked because I expect more of the same coming our way from the group as the general election approaches.

"Since a police report has been lodged, let the authorities get to the bottom of it. If we retaliate, we will also be stooping low like them. The LDP never indulges in such base activities," he said in his keynote address at the party's 14th congress, here, which was opened Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Aman.

Chong said the LDP was the first local party that had joined hands with Umno to form the Barisan Nasional (BN) in the state and had faced many challenges.

"We are proud of our united struggle. During the past 14 years we have become well seasoned and matured. We should never lose our maturity and misbehave.

"We should always refrain from activities that could tarnish the image of the leadership of a fellow Barisan Nasional component for such disgraceful deeds would boomerang and harm our own reputation and credibility," he said.

He said that unity within the BN should always remained the party's priority and one of its core objectives.

"The LDP is known to be a low-key party in the state. However, it does not mean that we are a weak state BN component that could be easily cowed and overpowered.

"The LDP has withstood all sorts of pressures from certain quarters but it has always prevailed, and it will prevail in the future," he added.

On the coming election, Chong said that the BN must win big and deliver all the seats as a gift to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Musa and as a tribute to former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad for his services to Sabah and the nation.

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