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Gerakan-Election

GERAKAN READY TO FACE CHANGES FOR UPCOMING ELECTION

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 15 (Bernama) - Gerakan will prepare for the possibility of changes in the upcoming general election following developments that include adjustments in border demarcation.

Gerakan president Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik said today among the issues that required consideration were the restructuring of branches including in new areas.

"We will prepare the party as soon as possible to face the election," said Dr Lim who spoke to reporters after chairing the Gerakan monthly meeting here today.

The Primary Industries Minister said Gerakan had also decided to support Aman Malaysia in its demand for world peace and an end to violence and war.

The People's Alliance for Peace or Aman Malaysia organised the 'One Million Signatures' campaign in conjunction with the Non-Aligned Movement Summit to be held in Kuala Lumpur from Feb 20 to 25.

Dr Lim said the United States should entrust the United Nations to act on the Iraqi arms issue and not act unilaterally in attacking the country.

"Gerakan fully supports Aman Malaysia and our opinion is the same as that of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on issues of religious or racial terrorism and extremism," he said.

Gerakan Youth movement were urged to participate in the large-scale Aman Malaysia gathering at Stadium Nasional Bukit Jalil on Feb 23.

On the ban of Kung Ming lanterns, Dr Lim said the party supported the move given the public safety implications.

"We support police decision on the matter in view of public safety and this is the same as our support on the ban of fireworks," Dr Lim said.

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