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GERAKAN WANTS KENG YAIK TO REMAIN AT THE HELM

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 18 (Bernama) -- Gerakan wants Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik to continue to lead the party, said its deputy president Datuk Kerk Choo Ting.

He said the unanimous decision was made by the Gerakan Central Committee which held its monthly meeting at the party's headquarters, here today.

"The decision was taken by everyone present without Lim's knowledge as he had left the meeting room at the time," he told reporters after the meeting.

The decision indirectly shows that Gerakan wants the 64-year-old veteran leader to continue to head the party and contest in the coming general election.

Prime Minister and Barisan Nasional (BN) president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad recently advised veteran political leaders to step down and make way for new faces to contest in the coming general election.

Lim had joined Gerakan in 1973 and was chosen as the Perak State Liaison Committee chairman and Gerakan national deputy president a year later.

He was chosen to assume the party presidency when the post was vacated by former Penang Chief Minister Tun Dr Lim Chong Eu in August 1980.

Earlier, Lim said Gerakan decided to postpone all its delegates conferences until after the general election to concentrate on efforts to face the poll.

He said the delegates conferences at the branch, division and state levels were originally scheduled for March next year.

"The decision to postpone the delegates conferences at the monthly Central Committee meeting today was unanimous to enable all party members to concentrate on the coming general election," he said.

Lim said the meeting also agreed to set up a task force led by him to gather information on the latest development following the redelineation of electoral boundaries.

Also present at the meeting today were vice-president Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon, Wanita head Datuk Rina Bhar and secretary-general Chia Kwang Chye.

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