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GERAKAN TO PROPOSE NEW FACES FOR GENERAL ELECTION

PANTAI REMIS, Perak, Jan 27 (Bernama) -- The Malaysian Peoples Movement (Gerakan) will propose several new faces for the 11th General Election, its president Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik said today.

Dr Lim said it was usual for his party to pick new faces for during the last election in 1999, about 40 per cent of its candidates were new faces, including its three backbenchers in Parliament.

However, when asked if a similar number of new candidates would be picked, he declined comment.

"I myself have not got the inspiration yet. Wait till I get the inspiration," he said after attending a temple function in Ladang UIE near here.

Dr Lim was responding to remarks by the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's yesterday that it would be good for all leaders to resign so that Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi could make fresh appointments once he took over the helm.

Dr Mahathir had said that some leaders had been around for too long.

On whether he would seek re-election, Dr Lim said he would rather keep quiet and leave it to the Gerakan Central Committee to determine his fate.

He said that he wanted to step down in 2000 but was asked to carry on by the Central Committee.

"The committee will decide whether I should go," he added.

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