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PAHANG BN MAY FIELD NEW FACES IN NEXT ELECTION

KUANTAN, Jan 22 (Bernama) -- Pahang Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob today hinted that new faces may be fielded to represent Pahang Barisan Nasional (BN) in the next general election.

However, he said any decision on the matter would be made by the top party leadership.

"We have discussed this at the (State Exco) meeting today, we will accept any decision made by the BN president (Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad) on the choice of candidates.

"But in Pahang, 14 or 15 of the State Assemblymen will be new faces each time a general election is held, this is normal," he told reporters after a meeting with members of the Pahang branch of the Malaysian Council of Former State Assemblymen (Mubarak), here.

Adnan, who is also chairman of the State Umno and BN Liaison Committees, said State Exco members had also expressed their willingness to make way for new faces in the next general election.

When asked for the names of State Assemblymen who had offered to make way, Adnan said: "At the Exco meeting, we discussed a bit on the State Assemblymen and (my) colleagues (State Executive Council members) and myself, we are prepared to step down if it is felt that we are no longer suitable or that others are more suitable..."

"All the Exco members expressed their willingness (to relinquish their seats if asked to do so), from the Deputy Menteri Besar, Exco members and we leave it to the party leadership...(BN Pahang) State Assemblymen have not (indicated their willingness to retire), I can only speak with regard to the Exco members.

"It's not easy to relinquish one's post, even the post of village head, but the beauty is that all my State Exco members have stated that they will accept the decision of the leadership, they promise to accept the decision without any malice," he said.

Adnan said he would also withdraw if asked to do so, however he added: "Even if I were to withdraw, if the PM (Prime Minister), DPM (Deputy Prime Minister) and the Sultan (Sultan of Pahang Sultan Ahmad Shah) don't accept, how can I retire..."

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