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THERE MUST BE RULES AND REGULATIONS TO PREVENT CROSS OVERS- DR LIM

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 23 (Bernama) -- Gerakan President Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik today said there must be "rules and regulations" to prevent cross overs within Barisan Nasional (BN) component parties in order to maintain the cohesiveness of the national front in the future.

He said, "if you put rules and regulations in black and white, it has to be carried out."

He was speaking to reporters at the end of the first day of the Gerakan National Delegates Conference.

The two-day conference was opened by Prime Minister and BN Chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today.

Dr Lim was responding to the remarks by the BN Secretary-General Tan Sri Mohamed Rahmat today that the BN would not allow anymore cross overs within BN component parties.

He said Gerakan fully supported the ruling and wanted the rules and regulations on the matter to be in the form of a "written code of ethics".

"I think it is time that we change the perception that if the BN did not take them, they will jump on to the opposition bandwagon.

"I think the BN should have the power to discipline those jumping the party," he said.

On the first day of the conference, Dr Lim said he was quite happy over the level of the debate and the points raised by the delegates as he felt that "their standard is getting better".

"The delegates also did raise some problems, particularly about Terengganu where the MCA has treated Gerakan as its enemy and we should look into these problems at the grassroot level," he said.

The two-day conference ends tomorrow.

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