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BN to have final say on two Penang State seats

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - The Barisan Nasional supreme council will have the final say on which component party will contest in the Bayan Lepas and Datuk Keramat State constituencies in Penang in the next general election, State MCA chief Wong Kam Hoong said today.

He said he was leaving it to party president Datuk Seri Ong Ka Ting to discuss seat allocation matters with BN chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is the Prime Minister.

Wong was commenting on Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon's statement today that the two seats should be given back to Gerakan.

Days after the 1999 general election, Assemblymen Lim Chien Aun (Bayan Lepas) and Lim Boo Chang (Datuk Keramat), who had won their seats on the Gerakan ticket, quit the party to join the MCA.

Koh, who is also Gerakan vice-president, had said that letting Gerakan have the seats back was in line with BN principles.