

Koh: Keng Yaik not trying to oust me
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Gerakan president Koh Tsu Koon today brushed aside the allegation that his predecessor Dr Lim Keng Yaik was behind the move to oust him.

"Such speculations are unfair to him and me, I had seen him for over the past few weeks," Koh told a press conference after launching the party's photo gallery.

He was responding to a Nanyang Siang Pau report which said Lim had influenced grassroots in Penang, Perak and Selangor to put pressure on Koh.

The report states that the grassroots from the three states will call on Koh to stay away from the next general election during the party AGM tomorrow.

Koh said he would be diligently listening to the delegates over the weekend on whether such matters would be raised.

"We wait for them, see what they have to say," he said.

Koh: I did try to resign

According to the Chinese daily which quoted sources, the party grassroots wants Koh to take responsibility for the party's poor showing in the 2008 general election.

It was reported that they were worried that Koh's candidacy would dampen the party's chances further.

Koh said he was fully responsible for the party's dismal election results back then, adding that he had tried to resign in 2008 when he was acting president but this was rejected by the party.

In the 2008 general election, the party was only able to hold on to two parliamentary and four state seats out of 12 parliamentary and 31 state seats contested.

Koh had said yesterday he would only announced his future plans, including his party post and general election plan, a month after the party AGM.

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