

New GHB party's name up to ROS, says Mujahid

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Penang Gerakan Harapan Baru (GHB) protem committee chief Mujahid Yusof Rawa said the problem in choosing a name for the group's political vehicle was due to restrictions by the Registrar of Societies (ROS).

Mujahid said it was true there were some debates between GHB leaders to insert the word 'Islam' into the party, although many are comfortable with the name 'Amanah' (Trust).

"There has been some debates over that but the problem with the name has more to do with the ROS than the debates we have," Mujahid (photo) said, when met in George Town today.

He insisted that the new party will be launched as scheduled on Aug 31.

However, he declined to provide a name for the new party although 'Amanah' has been floated to be the name.

"If we reveal the name now, there will be no element of surprise come Aug 31 during our soft launch," he said.

Asked how can GHB launch the party without a name, Mujahid said a name has indeed been chosen.

GHB looking for other options

It was earlier believed that GHB will take over Kita to form a new political party.

Kita is the acronym for Parti Kesejahteraan Insan Tanah Air, which was initiated by former minister Zaid Ibrahim (photo), when he quit PKR.

GHB's new party is supposed to replace PAS in a new opposition coalition with DAP and PKR.

PAS fell out with DAP, making Pakatan Rakyat untenable, after its delegates accepted a proposal by the ulama council to sever ties with DAP in early June.

Zaid had said that GHB was looking at other options, not only Kita, to take over to form its party, which will contest in the coming national polls expected to be called by 2018.

He also dismissed the contention by Kita secretary-general Azmi Othman who lodged a report at the Kajang District Police headquarters on Aug 20 over "falsified" information that GHB was taking over Kita.

Zaid had then dismissed the report as efforts (to undermine GHB) by "BN friendly" people within Kita.

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