

BN leaders in Penang told to close ranks
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BN leaders in Penang need to close ranks and discuss matters through the internal channels, rather than openly through the media, said its state chief Dr Koh Tsu Koon.

Koh, who is also Gerakan president, said all issues discussed at meetings within the party and Penang BN should remain confidential and not be made public.

gerakan press conference koh tsu koon 2 "No doubt, at the Gerakan and Penang BN internal meetings, we had discussed various possible scenarios and corresponding strategies. However, as these strategies need further discussion and fine-tuning, they should remain confidential," he said in a statement issued yesterday.

He said Gerakan would continue to fight for the interest of Penang and its people, and although the party lost in the 2008 general election, Gerakan would not abandon Penang and neither would it give up hope.

Penang Gerakan had been gearing up the party machinery and stepping up services and other activities in the constituencies it lost, he said.

"But we acknowledge that we need to do more, much, much more," he said, adding that the statement by Gerakan Penang chief Dr Teng Hock Nan about BN not being able to regain the mandate in Penang in the 13th general election was his personal observation and not the official stand of Gerakan or Penang BN.

Political transformation

Koh said drawing on and learning from previous experiences, Gerakan and Penang BN had steadfastly and steadily been making reforms and improvements.

He said at the moment, the focus of Penang BN and Gerakan was on supporting the prime minister's Government Transformation Programme (GTP) and Economic Transformation Programme (ETP), besides fully utilising their energy and resources to meet the needs of the people and challenges of the future in Penang.

"Penang BN's coordinating committee will hold its next monthly meeting soon to continue driving our political transformation and other programmes, including dispelling any misunderstanding," he added.

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