

Penang Gerakan revolt: Koh against calling EGM
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Amidst the revolt within Penang Gerakan, party president Koh Tsu Koon would rather not have an extraordinary general meeting as demanded by some members.

He said its best if there is no need for an EGM; only as a last resort after the group decides that it is no longer able to channel their feelings through the party.

koh tsu koon pc 300409Speaking at a press conference this morning at its Kuala Lumpur party headquarters after chairing the monthly central committee meeting, he also said that the Gerakan leadership has been communicating with Penang's feuding factions.

"Some have expressed their feelings within the party but some have called for the EGM as provided for in the constitution.

"The CC including leaders from inside Penang and outside Penang have been communicating with the various groups to continue engaging with them," said Koh, (right) who is also a minister in Prime Minister's Department.

Demanding rebel group

A rebel group within the state Gerakan has submitted 60 signatures, meeting the quorum needed to call for an EGM.

Demanding to meet on Oct 10, they are also appealing to the 393 state delegates to cast a vote of no-confidence against state chief Teng Hock Nan.

Asked if this is a sign of protest against his leadership since he had anointed Teng as the one to take over the state's mantle from him back in 2008, Koh said that he did not interpret it that way.

He also said that he hoped the delegates will have the maturity to know the pitfalls to avoid, when asked if the EGM would prove divisive for the party.

Whatever the outcome, Koh also appealed to the party to close ranks once the current ordeal is over.

"Whether there is an EGM or no EGM, I hope we will be more cooperative, effective and that there will be more solidarity in the party," he said.