

Keadilan-DAP

plan 'just talk'

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PENANG: Parti Keadilan Rakyat's announcement that it plans to cooperate with DAP to win at least 21 seats – and control the state – in the next general election was seen as “just talk” by Gerakan acting president Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon.

“They have nothing better to do but talk, so let them talk,” he said, adding that the Opposition can say whatever they want but he would not respond as this is not the time to campaign.

“The Barisan Nasional leaders are now concentrating on improving the economy, resolving public issues and serving the people.

“I will reserve my comments for the campaign period and then only I will reply to whatever they say. The Opposition has always said that they want to capture Penang, so let them

say it”

Koh said BN leaders do not look on the general election as “everything” because service to the people is more important.

“They can say Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim (Keadilan adviser) or Lim Guan Eng (DAP secretary-general) wants to be Penang chief minister. Let the opposition parties comment, I do not want to comment,” he said.

On Saturday, Keadilan state chairman Datuk Zahrain Mohamed Hashim announced that the party will work with DAP to capture the state government from the BN.

Koh was speaking at a press conference after officiating at the annual general meeting of the Penang Fishermen's Association (Pen Mutiara) at a hotel here.

Earlier, in his speech, Koh promised the fishermen the state government will apply for allocations from the

federal government to develop a piece of 10.93ha (27 acre) land in Juru for the fishermen.

On the problems the fishermen faced with the Malaysian International Tuna Port (MITP) company that is currently running the operations of the Batu Maung port, he said a communications committee has been set up to address the issue.

“The state government will ask to be represented in this committee so that it can bring up any issues the fishermen faced with MITP,” he said.

Earlier Pen Mutiara chairman Datuk Arshat Kasa said several issues with MITP have surfaced in the last two years.

Among them was that the company had been taking advantage of local fishermen by imposing high management and maintenance charges on them.