

Seat allocation for general election not topic for discussion, says Koh
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CYBERJAYA, Dec 4 — The allocation of seats between Barisan Nasional (BN) component parties for the general election expected in early 2012 should not be discussed openly, Tan Sri Koh Tsu Koon was reported by Bernama Online as saying today.

The Gerakan president (picture) told the news portal that such talk would lead to the likelihood of diminished support as well as friction between the component parties.

He said, "If all parties behave positively, we won't be fighting over it."

When asked to comment on a recent statement in which he said Gerakan would insist on contesting the Bachang state seat in Malacca, Koh said it was merely in response to the negative comments aimed at the party recently.

He also dismissed speculation that his decision not to contest in the next general election would make him a target for the opposition, saying that he was prepared to face that eventuality.

As for relinquishing the post of Penang BN chairman, Koh would only say that all parties must abide by the BN constitution upon appointment.

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