

**Umno Likely To Get Back Gerik Seat - Perak Menteri Besar
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IPOH, Sept 25 (Bernama) -- The Barisan Nasional (BN) is expected to allocate the Gerik parliamentary seat now held by Gerakan back to Umno to contest in the next general election, Perak BN chairman Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abdul Kadir said.

Dr Zambry, who is the menteri besar, said discussions were ongoing among the BN components on the allocation of seats if Gerik was returned to Umno.

He was responding to reporters on the statement by Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin that the BN would retain the status quo on allocation of seats among the BN component parties in the next general election.

Gerik, an Umno seat, was allocated to Gerakan in the 2008 general election in exchange for the Bukit Gantang parliamentary seat, he said at the Perak Farmers Organisation Authority Aidilfitri "open house", here.

Dr Zambry said BN component parties in Perak had reached an understanding on the need to reshuffle seats without disrupting the status quo on seat allocation.

He said the exchange of seats was a normal practice in the BN and it was not seen as a major problem.

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