

**People's Needs Must Be Given Priority - Gerakan Delegates
Bernama
October 16, 2011**

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 16 (Bernama) -- The needs and demands of the people must always be given priority even though the focus is now on the next general election, Gerakan Youth vice-chief David Ang Chin Tat said.

He said this was because most political parties in the country were seen to have focused more on party interests rather than the rights of the people.

"Food, security of neighbourhood, business opportunity and good governance, we are just talking (because) it's free. We are not being seen as transforming for the people," he said when debating on the president's speech at the 40th Gerakan national delegates conference, here Sunday.

His view was shared by Keningau Bandar Gerakan chairman Lee Chen Peng who also felt that if the people's needs and demands were not addressed, the opposition would have a reason to keep influencing the people to hate the government.

"Criticism of government, if not tackled, can get a whole lot more critical," he said.

Gopeng Gerakan chairman Dr Lee Chee Pheng, on the other hand, said that the party should take the opportunity and spend more time to identify the needs of the people.

He said the government should also look at the current situation where the people still pledged their support for the opposition despite having enjoyed the facilities and infrastructures provided by the government.

Bandar Kulai Gerakan chairman Cheong Chin Liang, who is also Bukit Batu assemblyman, said party leaders should go down on the ground to win the hearts of the people as proposed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

"We have to walk the talk. If we just talk the talk, we will not achieve the objective. As an old Chinese proverb goes, whoever wins the hearts of the people, wins the power to rule," he added.

---BERNAMA

Copyright © 2011 BERNAMA

Source: <http://www.bernama.com/bernama/v5/newsindex.php?id=620281>