

**No Discussion On Penang Coalition Line-up Last Nov - Koh
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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 23 (Bernama) -- Gerakan president Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon said the issue of the Penang coalition line-up, including the position of its state chief, was not raised at the Barisan Nasional (BN) Supreme Council meeting last November.

He said, according to the BN Constitution, any decision on the matter had to be done through consultation among BN Supreme Council members.

"This (matter) was not raised at the meeting in November," he told reporters at the party's Chinese New Year open House here today.

He was commenting on a news portal that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak would announce the Penang BN coalition line-up tomorrow.

Najib is scheduled to attend the Penang BN's Chinese New Year open house in Georgetown, Penang tomorrow evening.

The news portal report claimed that BN was set to name Gerakan secretary-general Teng Chang Yeow as its Penang BN chief, while Dr Teng Hock Nan would continue to be Gerakan state chief, as the ruling federal coalition sought to recapture the island state from Pakatan Rakyat (PR) in the coming general election.

Koh said the public should wait for the next BN Supreme Council meeting for any announcement on the matter, adding however, it was Najib's prerogative as BN chairman.

On Dr Teng's position, Koh asserted that the state party chief was an elected position.

"Unlike other parties, the Gerakan state party chief is elected by state delegates conference," he said.

Asked if he has recommended any name to the prime minister, Koh said: "This is something I do not want to comment publicly."

To another question, he said, Gerakan did not rule out the possibility of having candidates from the various races in the coming general election if they were winnable.

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