MCA Sacrifices Gelang Patah For Sake Of Victory For BN - Ng Yen Yen
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GEORGE TOWN, April 16 (Bernama) -- Penang MCA chairman Datuk Seri Dr Ng Yen Yen regards the handing of the Gelang Patah parliamentary seat, an MCA stronghold, to Umno as a necessary sacrifice for BN to retain the seat in the 13th general election.

She said MCA's surrender of the seat was a strategy by the Barisan Nasional (BN) leadership in facing DAP supremo and advisor Lim Kit Siang, who chose to contest the Johor seat this time.

"MCA withdrew (from Gelang Patah) not because of internal party problems but the sacrifice is a must to ensure victory for BN. The general election this time is very important and we want to make sure BN wins, because the priority is BN," Dr Ng said, here, today.

In the 12th general elecion in 2008, BN's Tan Ah Eng retained the Gelang Patah seat with a 8,851-vote majority.

In this upcoming general election, however, Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman has been named the BN candidate to contest against Lim for the seat.

On the selection of MCA candidates in Penang, Dr Ng said out of the 10, four were new faces who would be contesting parliamentary seats, while six would vie for state seats.

"The senior state leaders will be helping the new candidates in campaigning. Please give us (BN) back the trust to govern the state," she said, directing the the call to Penang voters.

Dr Ng said her decision not to contest in this upcoming elections was part of the party's principle.

"This is the transformation in MCA, the seniors are not contesting but will work at ensuring victory for the selected candidates," added Dr Ng, who has been involved in politics for 40 years including three terms as the MP for Raub, Pahang.

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