

Gerakan Won't Follow MCA To Reject All Posts
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IPOH, May 9 (Bernama) -- Parti Gerakan will not follow the MCA which rejected all posts in the government and closed all its service centres after its poor performance in the recent general election, said Gerakan deputy president Datuk Chang Ko Youn.

He said this was because the party believed in the policies and ideologies propagated by the Barisan Nasional (BN).

"Just because you lose miserably, does not mean you just want to decline the post. You can decline or reject the post if you have policy differences or you do not agree with government policy, yes you must reject," he told reporters, here Thursday.

Chang, who is also the Perak Gerakan chairman, said he did not agree with the opinion that Gerakan should leave the BN.

Gerakan would not leave the BN which now had a new dimension under the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, he said.

"I disagree that Gerakan should leave the BN, this is not logical because Datuk Seri Najib (Tun Razak) is a responsible and visionary leader and has implemented many programmes for the benefit of the people," he said.

As a top level party leader, Chang did not deny that he had received differing opinions from party members on the issue of government positions.

However, he said Gerakan would convene a Central Committee meeting in Kuala Lumpur on Saturday at 10.30am to discuss in detail the matter as well as the position of the party's service centres.

Gerakan won only one Parliamentary seat and three state constituency seats. It had contested in 11 parliamentary and 31 state legislative assembly seats.

In Perak, Gerakan lost in all the state constituencies besides the Parliamentary constituencies of Taiping, Beruas and Teluk Intan.

Chang, who contested the Beruas Parliamentary seat, lost to Perak DAP chairman Datuk Ngeh Koo Ham by a majority of 5,057 votes.

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