

Teng Considering To Contest Penang Gerakan Chairman Post
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GEORGE TOWN, Aug 19 (Bernama) -- Former Penang Barisan Nasional (BN) chairman Teng Chang Yeow is considering to contest the state Gerakan chairman post.

Teng, 50, who quit all his party posts in May this year, said he would discuss the matter with the current state Gerakan chairman Datuk Dr Teng Hock Nan this week.

"Our present task is to strengthen the party and I will meet Dr Teng to discuss the matter (whether to contest) before making any announcement," he told reporters after representing Dr Teng to open the Gerakan Jelutong division annual meeting, here, last night.

He hoped that for the coming Gerakan polls, more capable young leaders would be given the opportunity to take the party forward.

"We do not wish to see any unhealthy fight for party posts among the members as we are moving towards more mature politics," he said.

Despite the party's poor performance in the last general election in May, Teng said the party members should continue to serve the people in order to win back their support.

"We should continue fighting and should not give up. We must unite to be a mature opposition in the state," he said.

At its annual meeting, the Jelutong division also proposed that Teng be the state Gerakan chairman.

On the Penang BN chairmanship, Teng said he would reconsider his decision to quit the post in May.

"Despite the call from all the state component party leaders for me to reconsider my decision, I still took full responsibility for our failure in the recent elections to quit all my posts and make way for a more capable leader," he said.

In May, Teng stepped down as party secretary-general and state BN chairman following the coalition's heavy defeat in the 13th General Election in Penang.

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