

**Karpal Not Leaving Politics Until Opposition Forms Central Government**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 29 (Bernama) -- DAP chairman Karpal Singh has emphasised that he will not withdraw from politics as long as the opposition coalition fails to form the central government.

The veteran DAP leader did not dismiss the possibility that he will continue to be a candidate in the next general election.

"I will not back down or retire anytime soon. It is my wish to hand over leadership to the younger generation. We will get old and old people (leaders) will retire one day.

"I will retire at an appropriate time. Appropriate means after we achieve what we've dreamed of, which is to form the central government. Then we will give it over to the young ones," he told a news conference at the DAP Special Congress, here Sunday.

Earlier, in his opening speech, Karpal Singh, 73, said he and the older leadership including DAP adviser Lim Kit Siang, 72, needed to make way for the younger generation to carry the party.

Karpal Singh, a lawyer, began his political career in 1970 when he joined the party. He won a Kedah state assembly seat in 1974 and became Jelutong MP (Penang) in 1978.

He failed to defend the Jelutong seat which he held for more than 20 years in the 1999 general election.

In 2004, Karpal Singh won the Bukit Gelugor parliamentary seat Penang and has defended it since.

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