

Penang Gerakan Supports Mah As BN Candidate For Teluk Intan
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GEORGE TOWN, May 9 (Bernama) -- The Penang Gerakan today expressed support for party president Datuk Mah Siew Keong if he is selected as the Barisan Nasional (BN) candidate in the Teluk Intan by-election.

Penang Gerakan chairman Teng Chang Yeow said Mah would have the full support of the party's liaison committee to be the candidate because of his experience in having served the parliamentary constituency for two terms.

"Mah is the most eligible candidate for Teluk Intan," he said, but added that he would accept and respect the decision made by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak on the matter.

The Teluk Intan by-election would be held following the death of its Member of Parliament, Seah Leong Peng, of DAP, from cancer last May 1.

The Election Commission had set May 19 for nomination, while polling is on May 31.

On the Bukit Gelugor parliamentary by-election, Teng, who is also Penang BN chairman, said he would meet MCA vice-president Datin Paduka Chew Mei Fun today to discuss the suitable candidates.

Meanwhile, Chew, at a separate media conference, said a report by a Chinese daily that BN would not contest for the Bukit Gelugor parliamentary seat was just a speculation.

She said all quarters should be patient and that an announcement on the matter would be made soon.

The Bukit Gelugor by-election will be held following the death of its incumbent, Karpal Singh, of DAP, in a road crash. Nomination is on May 12, while polling is on May 25.

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