

"I Am Ready To Contest In Teluk Intan," Says Gerakan President
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KUALA TERENGGANU, May 9 (Bernama) -- Gerakan President Datuk Mah Siew Keong said he is ready to contest the Teluk Intan parliamentary seat if he is given the mandate by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

He said, as a committed politician, he was ready and would comply with the decision made by Barisan Nasional's top leadership.

"I am ready to contest in Teluk Intan if I am nominated," he told a press conference Friday.

Mah said Gerakan had also suggested several names as candidates in the by-election.

He said the party would work hard to support the chosen candidates in the Bukit Gelugor and Teluk Intan by-elections.

The Teluk Intan seat became vacant after its incumbent, Seah Leong Peng, 48, from DAP, died from cancer at the Universiti Malaya Medical Centre on May 1.

In the 13th general election held last year, Seah defeated Mah with a majority of 7,313 votes.

Meanwhile, Terengganu Gerakan Chairman, Datuk Yap Kea Ping, said Gerakan Terengganu would unanimously support the candidates selected for the two by-elections.

Earlier today, Penang Gerakan chairman Teng Chang Yeow had said in GEORGE TOWN that Penang Gerakan was all for Mah to contest the Teluk Intan seat.

He said Mah would be the best choice for the BN as he had served as an MP for Teluk Intan for two terms.

Meanwhile, at a separate press conference also in George Town, MCA vice-

president Datin Paduka Chew Mei Fun denied a Chinese newspaper report that MCA, which has traditionally contested the Bukit Gelugor seat, would not be doing so this time around.

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