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Die-hard supporters celebrate BN's triumph with bald pates

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HAIRLESS AND HAPPY ABOUT IT ... These die-hard Barisan Nasional supporters had their locks shorn yesterday at a thanksgiving ceremony in Kampung Gudon, Menggatal, 20km from Kota Kinabalu, to mark the ruling coalition's victory in the recent general election.

They were among 40 residents who had pledged to do so if the BN won a two-thirds majority.

Organised by Gaya Umno Youth, the ceremony began at noon and ended about 10pm. The participants were as young as five, with the oldest being 55.

It was officiated by newly-elected Member of Parliament for Gaya, Datuk Yong Teck Lee, who is also Sabah Progressive Party president and Likas State Assemblyman.

Organising chairman Mohd Joh Wid said the idea to have the mass head shaving ceremony if the BN won with a two-thirds majority came about during a BN ceramah at the village before the election.

"We had expected a tough challenge from the Opposition, especially in the Gaya constituency, and we resolved to shave our heads if the BN won with a two-thirds majority," he said.

Mohd Joh, who is a committee member of Gaya Umno Youth, said a tahlil had also been planned.

Committee member Junaidi Sidik, 40, said he shaved his head for the first time to show his gratitude to the people for giving the BN the thumping majority, adding that it was also his way of showing his appreciation to the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Umno Youth acting head Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein.

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