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Kubang Pasu: `Not much of a chance for Azizah'

PENANG, Tues. - Datin Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail would not stand much of a chance of winning in the Prime Minister's constituency of Kubang Pasu, said veteran politician and writer Kassim Ahmad.

He said there were many negative factors going against the wife of former Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim that would certainly prevent her from winning the constituency.

For a start, he said, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has always taken good care of his constituents despite his busy schedule, and his track record could speak for itself.

"The Reformasi group and the opposition may tend to believe in their own propaganda but can this be translated into votes?"

To stand a chance of winning, he said, Wan Azizah would have to rely heavily on Pas support.

"But we have seen that Pas is not solidly for Datuk Seri Anwar.

"In fact, Pas leader Mohamad Sabu has openly said that Anwar would be a liability to Pas."

Kassim said the Opposition may always take courage in Dr Mahathir's loss in 1969 to Yusof Rawa of Pas.

"But the situation then was totally different as compared to today.

"In subsequent elections, Dr Mahathir has always triumphed comfortably and it will not be easy to dislodge him."

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