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Profile-Rosnah (Tanjong Dawai)

ROSNAH RETURNS HOME TO SERVE THE PEOPLE

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ALOR SETAR, Nov 22 (Bernama) -- For Barisan Nasional (BN) candidate Rosnah Abdul Majid, standing for election in the State Assembly constituency of Tanjong Dawai is to fulfil a mission to explain the truth and clear the confusion among the electorates.

Rosnah, 46, was born in Tanjong Dawai and had her early education there before moving at the age of 16 to pursue higher studies in the federal capital where she obtained a degree in economics at the University of Malaya.

Upon graduation, she worked as a journalist in Utusan Melayu in 1977 and spent 20 years in a rewarding career before returning to her birth place to be with her community where she demonstrated her leadership qualities.

"I don't like to be looked upon as a woman candidate. I want to be a BN candidate," said the Merbok Wanita Umno division head when met at her residence at Kampung Sungai Pial in Tanjong Dawai, today.

The recipient of the Nieman Fellow Award from Harvard University in the United States in 1988 stressed that she was very grateful to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for picking her as a candidate.

Rosnah said she began to get closer to the Tanjong Dawai community two years ago and pledged to continue contributing to the development agenda for the people.

In the 1995 general election, BN candidate Badri Yunus defeated PAS candidate Mohd Yusof Omar with a majority 4,575 votes. This time around, Omar is again trying his luck by challenging Rosnah.

She said the opposition this time are more aggressive and desperate and the electorates are confused by the various allegations spread by them.

"I will take this opportunity to give the correct perspective during the campaign period," she said.

The Tanjong Dawai state constituency has 20,588 registered voters and forms one of the three state constituencies in the Merbok parliamentary constituency. The other two are Bukit Selambau and Gurun.

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