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Hard work by BN paid off, says Adnan

BARISAN Nasional's victories in the Sanggang and Ketari State by-elections were not flukes as claimed by some critics.

Pahang Umno liaison committee chairman Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob said the critics had doubted Umno's ability to win in these constituencies, but through the hard work of party leaders and members, the BN won with increased majorities.

"Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had confidence in us and told us to work hard, particularly in Sanggang where certain incidents occurred. Dr Mahathir showed us he cared and came to the Menteri Besar and told him to be patient and work hard.

"So the Pahang Menteri Besar and his people worked themselves to death and won the elections," Adnan, who is the Menteri Besar said, causing the audience to roar with laughter.

He was debating the motion of thanks on the presidential address which resumed yesterday morning.

Adnan said the Malays and Umno must remain vigilant and shun corruption if they wanted to see the country progress.

He said the Roman civilisation had perished due to the complacency, greed and corruption of its leaders.

Adnan said the Malays must heed Dr Mahathir's advice that they should be wary of their enemies and seek knowledge.

"The superpowers exploit knowledge like a weapon to conquer and colonise weaker countries.

"Concepts such as human rights, liberalisation and currency speculation are being used to colonise our economy and country.

"The new colonisation by western countries is through global financial institutions such as the World Trade Organisation and International Monetary Fund," he said.