

BN can't be too comfortable with twin wins
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The big win by BN candidates at Merlimau and Kerbau by-elections has restored the people's mood and confidence in the party.

Political analyst Zainal Kling said the double win can be used as a benchmark of public support although the political tsunami that swept during 2008 general election has not subsided.

"This is because we are yet to be sure of support by urban voters but there are signs that public support has returned to BN," he told Bernama.

Zainal said this was due to hard work by Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak who created policies like Government Transformation Plan (GTP), Economic Transformation Plan (ETP) and National Key Result Areas (NKRA).

"The BN government has to double efforts to maintain the existing momentum, because the opposition always come out with plans and agenda to attract interest of the people," he said.

Inti International University deputy vice-chancellor Ibrahim Ahmad Bajunid said BN cannot be too comfortable with the wins as history showed that small errors can lead to political tsunami like in 2008.

"However, BN is now on the right track to face the next general election," he added.

Lecturer of law, government and international studies college at Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM), Mohamad Faisal Keling said likens recent by-election defeats by the opposition as a political tsunami.

The opposition had tasted back-to-back defeats since Galas by-election in Kelantan on Nov 4 last year.

Faisal said this proves that the people no longer accept the ideology promoted by DAP, PKR and PAS.

He feels that the results at Merlimau and Kerbau show the return of fence-sitters especially young voters to BN.

"We have to maintain this momentum as young people lost confidence in BN in 2008.

"Recent by-election results show that voters are now rational and can differentiate good from bad," he added.

At Merlimau, BN's Roslan Ahmad beat PAS' Yuhazad Abdullah with 3,643 majority while at Kerbau, BN's Syed Ibrahim Syed Ahmad beat PAS' Hassanuddin Salim with 2,724 majority.

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