

PM on 6-day S'wak blitz: BN in danger?
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In an unprecedented move, the prime minister will be embarking on a rare tour of Sarawak beginning tonight, the fifth day of campaigning, until the eve of polling.

Soon after Najib Razak's six-day schedule was confirmed, there is speculation that the BN national leadership is ringing alarm bells on the status of its Sarawak campaign, now at the half-way mark.

Najib is likely to be the first prime minister to actively campaign in a state election in recent years, a duty usually left to the premier's deputy.

Since taking reigns in April 2009, Najib had only played a minor role in the numerous by-elections that had taken place and his current tour is a surprise move.

Adding to the intrigue is the fact that Najib had visited the state twice this year – once on March 19 where he attended rally in Serian and on April 7 when he conducted several walkabouts in Kuching.

Focus on the 'black areas'

This time round, Najib will be visiting all three major cities – Miri, Sibü and Kuching – that has saw unprecedented numbers attending opposition rallies over the past few nights.

sarawak election miri pkr forth nite talk senadinThese are considered 'black areas' by BN where component party Sarawak United People's Party (SUPP) is most at risk.

Najib will also be visiting smaller towns such as Sri Aman, Lubok Antu, Betong, Engkilili, Sebuyau, Sadong Jaya, Bau, Bario, Sungai Baram, Lawas and Limbang.

At a glance, the premier appears to be touching base with all ethnic communities in the state and will also be meeting those in rural areas, long been considered BN's "fixed deposit".

As with previous by-elections, the premier's itinerary hints that there appears to be some goodies in store for Sarawakians.

Anwar is in town too

Tomorrow, Najib will visit the Sri Aman Hospital, built before Sarawak's independence, which is now in a highly dilapidated state and in dire need of an upgrade.

On Thursday, he will head over to Sungai Baram, near the site of the controversial Bakun Dam, where he is expected to launch the '1Malaysia floating clinic'.

Najib is also scheduled to attend two mass rallies tonight and tomorrow, both in Kuching, where he is expected to make a major announcement to soothe urban discontent with BN.

Today also marks PKR de facto leader Anwar Ibrahim's second campaign blitz through

Kuching and its surrounding areas.

Anwar, who has been in Sarawak since nominations last Wednesday, will be speaking at Asajaya, Kuching, Kampung Samariang and Petrajaya.

The next day, he will be lending PAS colleagues a hand in Muara Tuang, before speaking at PKR events in Bengoh, Batu Lintang, Tupong, Demak Laut and Satok.

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