

Azmin: Rosmah unable to sleep nights...
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It is uncertain how PKR deputy president Azmin Ali knew of the matter, but Rosmah Mansor, the wife of Prime Minister Najib Razak has a problem sleeping these days, especially after the recent Sarawak election, he claimed.

Azmin (left), who is Gombak MP, revealed that Najib was wrestling with a tough dilemma these days, finding it difficult to decide when to call for snap polls, not due until 2013, but can be held at anytime now.

The Bukit Antarabangsa assemblyperson called on Pakatan Rakyat supporters to be prepared whether the coming election, Malaysia's 13th, may or may not be called in the near future.

"Whether you are a citizen, a party member, an assemblyperson or a parliamentarian, you better be prepared," he told the 500 participants at the party's Bukit Gelugor division fund-raising dinner in Penang yesterday.

Azmin, however, was confident that if Malaysians were all geared up, come the next election, Pakatan would make it to Putrajaya, the country's administrative capital, now occupied by BN.

"People are saying that the snap polls may be delayed... others are saying if it is delayed, the outcome may be worse for the Barisan Nasional," he added.

"That is why Najib is in a dilemma and Rosmah is finding it difficult to sleep nights," he quipped.

Azmin was in Penang to represent Anwar who could not attend a two-day tour for health reasons.

Before rushing off to another ceramah in Batu Maung, where he was expected to repeat his talk, Azmin spoke at length about the recent Sarawak polls, where Pakatan made gains, claiming 15 seats, and earning itself close to 45 percent of the popular votes.

He reminded Penangites that Sarawakians did not vote along racial lines but on a firm principle that they wanted change and rejected corruption.

BN hit from blind side

They also rejected cruelty and wanted in place a clean, trustworthy leader to lead the state, he added.

"They say that only the Chinese voted for Pakatan, and Malays for the BN. This is Umno's mentality... they continue to use racial issues (to explain everything)," he said.

"For us in the Pakatan, the election's outcome was not due to race, but to those in the urban areas who abandoned the BN," he added.

"Those in the rural areas may not have water of electricity, but many have principles and they had voted for the Pakatan," he stressed.

Still on the subject, Azmin explained that the BN and the DAP may have won many seats, but PAS, which lost all five seats contested also managed to attract 9,700 or 26 percent of the voters.

PKR, which won merely three out of 49 seats it vied for, garnered about 117,000 votes, while support for the BN saw a dip from 63 to 55 percent in the popular votes.

"BN won the polls with corruption... we simply cannot continue with this agenda".

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Meanwhile, Azmin called on all Malaysians to totally reject the free-email project recently announced by Prime Minister Najib Razak as it is a mere propaganda tool of the Barisan Nasional.

He said signing up for the e-mail account was 'dangerous' as the powers that be could easily intercept and encroach on anyone's privacy.

He added that Malaysian citizens, after signing up for the project, could no longer be ensured of their privacy or security.

"The database (of all the information collected) would then be used by the BN to spread its propaganda," Azmin told the 500 participants.

"What we want is free-WiFi and not a free e-mail account," he added, reiterating Penang chief minister's response to the free e-mail controversy.

Azmin also criticised the pointlessness of the e-mail account, saying that most Malaysians already owned one without having to wait further for the premier's project.

He added that even his eight-year-old son had an e-mail account and was familiar with the usage.

"He doesn't need to wait for Najib's e-mail... why do we need to spend so much money on it?" he asked.