

Noh Omar upbeat on BN winning big in Selangor
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Selangor Umno deputy chief Noh Omar is confident that BN will recapture the state in the next general election by winning 36 out of 56 seats, a seat short of a two-thirds majority in the state assembly.

In an interview with Chinese dailies reported yesterday in Nanyang Siang Pau, the agriculture and agro-based industry minister expects Umno to win over 30 seats from the 35 it will contest, MCA to capture five out of 14, MIC and Gerakan to grab one each out of three and four seats to be contested respectively.

NONE Selangor BN's target in the 13th general election, said Noh, is to win back Selangor with a simple majority, adding that a two-thirds majority would be a "bonus".

Noh said response to BN's activities shortly after the last general election was lukewarm, but claims the situation has changed under the leadership of Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak, who is also Umno and BN state chief.

This, he said, was evident from BN having to hire more buses to ferry people to their events - the the past five buses would go out and come back empty, but today five would not be enough.

He also boasted that if they prepare 10,000 chairs for their events more than 20,000 people would show up, taking this as a sign that Selangor residents were interested in BN otherwise they would not come.

Asked whether such a trend would translate into votes, Noh replied, "Hopefully."

Parliamentary seat haul

NONE At the parliamentary level, Noh (right) was also confident that BN can grab 12 out of 22 Selangor parliamentary seats.

He predicts Umno can win seven out of 10 contested, MCA can capture three out of seven while MIC can win at least two out of four.

"It seems that MCA can retain Pandan (currently held by former MCA chief Ong Tee Keat)," he added.

Meanwhile, he left the question of his own candidacy to Najib's decision.

"My promise is to try my best help Umno win, but who will be the menteri besar is not my job (to ask)," he said.

