

Guan Eng: Najib should've expected 'No!' response

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Prime Minister Najib Razak should have expected the crowd's response when he asked them if they were ready for BN.

Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng said this, adding that the people's answer was a resounding 'No' if asked if the ruling coalition had ever fulfilled their promises, contrary to their slogan 'Janji ditepati' (promises fulfilled).

"Why (did they say) 'No'?" He (Najib) should have expected that answer. It's because of BN's broken promises," Lim told the 3,000 odd crowd at the DAP Chinese New Year open house at Penang Times Square today.

"It was 'No' because there were no promises fulfilled - maybe jampi ditepati (spells fulfilled)," he jested, to the laughter of the crowd.

"The PM talked about the public transport system. I want to ask; isn't this recycled news?"

In his speech at the state BN's Chinese New Year open house in Han Chiang College yesterday, Najib (left) promised to resolve Penang's transport and traffic problems with a monorail system.

He also repeated his promise of providing 20,000 affordable homes for Penangites in the next five years if BN retook the state in the coming general election.

Praise for Malay Mail

Lim then praised the English daily The Malay Mail as being the only mainstream newspaper which front-paged the crowd's response to

Najib at BN's open house at the Han Chiang College yesterday.

He said he did not expect any of the other mainstream newspapers to carry news on that incident although the various Chinese language dailies had inserted it in the body of their reports.

The DAP secretary-general said that people are not stupid and are aware when BN had fulfilled their promises and when they did not.

"What is more important is that the people can see the performance by Pakatan in the past four years," he added.

Lim then recycled several examples of the DAP-led Pakatan government at its best in Penang, for example, the RM100 annual appreciation award for senior citizens.

He repeated that Penang was "kotor (dirty)" in the past, referring to previous Gerakan-led BN administration.

"But Penang is now clean because the government is bersih (clean)."

He then asked the crowd if they had received the federal government's BR1M RM500, urging them to take it.

"You must take it or they will take it themselves," he added, hinting at possible corruption involved in the handing out of the money, which had been carried out nation-wide twice.

Meanwhile, Lim warned that the next general election would be tough for the DAP and Pakatan as BN was hoping to hold to power which they had held since independence.

He claimed the BN was willing to spend millions to bring top Korean star Psy (right) to perform in Penang.

"If they win again, they will say 'Listen, Listen, Listen' but we must reply 'No, No, No,'" said Lim.

He was referring to the recent incident in which Suara Wanita 1Malaysia president Sharipah Zohra Jabeen Syed Syah appeared to belittle student KS Bawani for raising the issue of free education at a talk in University Utara Malaysia.

Two-thirds majority

However, Lim asked the public not to take things for granted, urging them to give the Penang Pakatan government another two-thirds majority in the 13th general election.

"Why did they bring Psy to Penang and not to Johor or Pahang, his own home state? Why did they bring him to Penang, a Pakatan state?"

Because we control a two-thirds majority here," he said.

"When we have a two-thirds majority, the people they will receive beautiful gifts like Psy's performance," he jested.

"If we win, it won't be just a continuation, of what we are doing we will be doing much, much more like giving senior citizens RM1,000 yearly instead of RM100."

Lim also cautioned that in the coming election, rival BN would be exploiting race and religious issues, and even telling lies.

He condemned former premier Dr Mahathir Mohammad for asking the people for a two-thirds majority in Parliament so that the federal constitution could be changed to allow the citizenship of Bersih co-leader S Ambiga (left) to be revoked.

"If this is what we are going to get when we give BN a two-thirds majority, it is time to vote BN out. Citizenship is our basic right.

"You cannot say this to Ambiga just because she is an Indian. You cannot say it to me also because I am a Chinese".

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