

Manifesto to curb monopolies, spur economy

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Pakatan Rakyat unveiled its election manifesto titled 'Manifesto Rakyat: Pakatan Harapan Rakyat' (The People's Manifesto: Pakatan the hope of the people) today to capture the attention of 13 million voters, pledging to reduce their financial burden, among other promises.

In tabling the manifesto at a Pakatan convention today, PKR director of strategy Rafizi Ramli said the coalition intends to eliminate monopolies and to raise household income to RM4,000 compared with RM2,500 at present.

Rafizi said the taxes would also be distributed evenly, as at present the tax that those with an income of RM10,000 a month and above pay was similar to that paid by tycoons like Ananda Krishnan.

The coalition will also, within a day of coming to federal power, abolish the highly controversial rare earths refining project in Pahang, review the petrochemical hub project in Johor, review certain dam projects in Sarawak and also review environmental laws, including those on logging.

"We will remove monopolies... we will renegotiate with independent power producers and disband 1Malaysia Development Bhd, which serves the agenda of Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak and his wife Rosmah Mansor," Rafizi said in tabling the first section of the manifesto.

The manifesto is divided into four sections - the people's economy, people's welfare, government for the people, and fulfilling people's aspirations.

Rafizi also said the people deserved better than what BN has organised and "we have made the proper planning".

Meanwhile, PAS central committee member Dzulkefly Ahmad said when Pakatan entered Putrajaya, it would put a stop to the highly controversial Automatic Enforcement System (AES).

Petrol, electricity to cost less

When Pakatan comes to power, Dzulkefly said, it would also make sure the prices of petrol, electricity and cars would be reduced.

"This is feasible as the price to produce petrol, including transportation is US\$50 a barrel,

but the people are charged RM1.90 a litre," he said.

DAP vice-chairperson M Kulasegaran (right) said also under Pakatan, the people of Sabah and Sarawak would see a new highway constructed to connect Kuching with Kota Kinabalu.

Kulasegaran rejected the claims that the votes of the Indian community have returned to the BN.

"The issue of Indian voters returning to BN is not true. Pakatan will get the support of the Indian community if we continue to support Bersih and also Hindraf," he said in referring to the clean and fair elections movement and the Hindu Rights Action Force.

Pakatan Rakyat's manifesto: The people's pact, the people's hope

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