

Vote buying will be rampant, says Sarawak PKR

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Sarawak PKR expects millions of ringgit to be poured in certain constituencies where its candidates are popular, to influence voters against them.

"I anticipate a lot of cash will be distributed not only in Saratok, Lubok Antu, Baram, but also in Limbang and other constituencies where we are very strong," said Baru Bian, state PKR chairperson after a state PKR committee meeting.

Bian (right), the Ba'Kelalan state assemblyperson, alleged this was his experience in the last state election in his constituency.

"They came in the middle of the night and offered RM1,000 to RM2,000 to each voter to go for a BN candidate.

"This time around, BN will definitely pour millions of ringgit to ensure our candidates are defeated."

PKR is particularly strong in Saratok, Baram, Lubok Antu, Limbang and Selangau. Bian will contest in Limbang.

"PKR has no financial resources and we depend on good Samaritans.

"What we can offer to the people is our policy which is contained in our manifesto. Our policy will give people hope."

He urged them to compare and review BN's policies in the last 50 years and look at the Pakatan manifesto and policies, as well as assess states run by Pakatan in the last five years.

"I believe the people will make a wise decision," Bian added.

Not bought over

Meanwhile, Bian strongly denied that PKR potential candidates Antu Nicholas Bawin for Lubok, and Joshua Jabeng for Selangau, have been bought over by Sarawak Workers Party (SWK).

"I have heard it said that the two candidates will pull out as they have been bought over. I know they have been approached.

"But let me tell you they will not withdraw. SWK must be very desperate to win in Lubok Antu and Selangau."

SWP President Larry Sng (left in photo) has confirmed its candidacy for Lubok Antu, while his father Sng Chee Hua is tipped to contest in Selangau.

Bian also announced that PKR is definitely contesting in 12 seats. They will not overlap those of with partners DAP and PAS.

"We are still discussing four seats which DAP and PAS are also interested in. They include Miri and Stampin," he revealed.

Bian said that that the final list of candidates will be made known when Anwar Ibrahim, the PKR de facto leader, visits Sarawak on April 11.

He is scheduled to meet the public in Lubok Antu and Selangau to assure them that Bawin and Jabeng are the candidates, said Bian.

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