

DAP: Malays also swung towards Pakatan

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DAP election strategist Ong Kian Ming today claimed that Malays, too, swung in favour of Pakatan Rakyat in a "Malaysian Tsunami", which swept through the recently-concluded national polls.

NONEHe said this was reflected in states such as Perlis, Terengganu and Pahang with a more than 70 percent population of Malays.

"I would like to debunk what (MCA president) Dr Chua Soi Lek said about a two-race system and (Prime Minister) Najib Abdul Razak's remarks about a 'Chinese Tsunami'.

"Yes, there was strong Chinese support but in other places there were also increased non-Chinese support for Pakatan," Ong (left) told a press conference at the DAP headquarters this morning.

Ong pointed out that with the exception of Kelantan and Kedah, Pakatan had boosted its share of support in 11 out of 13 states, in addition to the federal territories.

The change of support for Pakatan is as follows: Perlis (4.4%), Terengganu (3.7%), Penang (4.8%), Perak (1.4%), Pahang (3.8%), Selangor (4%), Federal Territories (2.4%), Negeri Sembilan (2.2%), Melaka (3.6%), Johor (10.3%), Sabah (3.4%), Sarawak (8.9%), Kedah (-4.7%) and Kelantan (-1.3%).

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To prove his point further, Ong presented a list of 23 Malay-majority seats which had between 75.9 percent to 80.7 percent Malay population, but where Pakatan had won between five to 16.1 percent share of votes.

"For example, in Kangar, which is 80.7 percent Malay, Pakatan increased its support by 16.1 percent and similarly, in Kepala Batas which is 76 percent Malay, Pakatan 's support rose by 11.8 percent.

"This could not have happened without the increased support from Malay voters," he said, adding that little attention were paid to these seats as Pakatan did not win them.

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Malay youths backed Pakatan

Even in the parliamentary seat of Serdang that Ong himself won by a whopping 42,206 vote majority, he said Malay support for Pakatan there increased by seven percent from 36 percent to 43 percent.

NONE Zooming in on the Sungai Ramal Dalam polling station there, which is 97 percent Malay, Ong pointed out that Malay support for Pakatan in Stream 1 which consisted of older voters was only 28 percent, but in Stream 4 which consisted of young voters, it was at 51 percent.

"That means younger Malay voters are much more likely to support Pakatan.

"This positive trend for Pakatan and DAP debunks to myth that this is a 'Chinese Tsunami'," he said.

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