

## **PAS assures voters of political stability**

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DAY 3 KUALA BESUT Quotable quotes, planned events and unplanned incidents as they take place in the run-up to July 24 Kuala Besut by-election.

10.45pm: PAS is now starting its ceramah in Kampung Tok Has, just approximately 70 metres from the home of Kuala Besut BN by-election deputy director Idris Jusoh. Closer still is a BN operations room.

"I have been made to understand that the former Terengganu menteri besar (right) is at home," says Kota Bharu MP Takiyuddin Hassan in his speech.

NONE" He is our education minister II. If he would come over, that would be great."

However there is no sign of trouble so far, or any sign of Idris, as about 50 people gather for the PAS ceramah.

At least 10 police personnel are also standing guard nearby.

Takiyuddin says that the '16:16' situation in the Terengganu state assembly should PAS win would benefit the people in the state as a whole.

According to him, the state government would be "governed together" by Pakatan Rakyat and BN, but stresses that it will not be a unity government.

Under this situation, he says that the government would be able to distribute its revenue to the people in a fair manner.

Takiyuddin explains that should Terengganu see a 'hung assembly' situation, the sultan would use his privilege to pick an assembly person out of the 32 to be the menteri besar.

During his speech he also takes the opportunity to rebut the allegation played up by the mainstream media against PAS candidate Azlan Yusof.

He says that the media has reported out of context by saying that Azlan will leave Kuala Besut to do business in Kelantan if he gets elected.

"Even though he goes away for his business, his officers and office will still be here,

the people still can meet his aide (to solve their problems)," he says, adding that Azlan will not travel to other places everyday.

1.30pm: Communications and Multimedia Minister Ahmad Shabery Cheek said attempts by PAS to create a rift between Former Terengganu Menteri Besar Idris Jusoh and his sucesoer Ahmad Said will not hurt BN's campaign in the Kuala Besut by-election.

Shabery drew parallels to the Galas by-election in 2010 where PAS had attempted to pit Umno veteran Tengku Razaleigh who led the campaign against Kelantan Umno chief Mustapha Mohamed.

"In the end, we won in the Galas by-election and in fact garnered a larger majority than the last time," he said.

PAS vice president Husam Musa who is leading the campaign for his Islamist party here had said that BN's defeat under Ahmad Said's watch as menteri besar would benefit Idris, who is now Education Minister II.

Idris' term as Terengganu Menteri Besar came to an abrupt end in 2008 when the state sultan refused his reappointment and was eventually replaced by Ahmad Said.

11.30am: PAS vice president Salahuddin Ayub rebuts Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin claim that a 16-16 split at the Terengganu state assembly would cause instability.

"Stability is an issue we feel is important because when we get 16-16, I am confident that the BN government would give increased focus on the future of the people of Terengganu," he says at a press conference at PAS' Kuala Besut election headquarters.

On Muhyiddin's contention that it would take a lot of time to resolve issues that may arise from the hung assembly, Salahuddin says he would respond to it after PAS wins the by-election.

Meanwhile, PAS central committee member Dzulkefly Ahmad says interpreting every loss of BN's power as a loss of stability is a "threat and old politics" in view of the burgeoning two-party system.

As for PAS elections chief Dr Hatta Ramli, he say the party would not capitalise on alleged internal strife in Umno for the campaign.

"This is not our way," he tells the press conference.

11am: Deputy Agriculture and Agro-based Industries Minister Tajuddin Abdul Rahman meets 300 breeders at the Kampung Baharu civil hall.

During the event, which is held by Veterinary Service Department, Tajuddin awards lamb livestock projects to four people, Azam Tani programmes to ten E-Kasih participants and Chicken touch point projects to 300 people.

9.45am: Both BN and PAS candidates, Tengku Zaihan Che Ku Abdul Rahman and Azlan Yusof, meet on their walkabouts at the fishing complex at Kuala Besut.

Tengku Zaihan arrived first followed by his rival later.

They initially greet the fishermen at different spots and do not approach each other.

Nevertheless, the duo agree to a photo session after a request by the media but declined to be interviewed.

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