

'PM risks being booted out, like Pak Lah'

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The prime minister has to keep BN's election promise not to increase the price of fuel, or risk suffering the same fate as former leaders.

Parti Rakyat Malaysia (PRM) today reminded the Najib administration how former prime minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi was removed from office after he failed to deliver on his promises.

Its vice president Koh Swe Yong said Abdullah (right) disregarded the rakyat's hardship, implemented neo-liberal economic policies, reduced subsidies, and raised the price of fuel drastically until the price of goods soared.

"He did all these until he was thrown out by the people in the 2008 general election," Koh said.

He added that BN's landslide victory in the 2004 general election – winning 198 out of the 220 parliamentary seats – rode on the trust given by the rakyat to Pak Lah for his reform agenda.

"However, after the general election, he did not bring about the promised changes," Koh said in a statement today.

Favouring the rich

Reminding the BN government that it had promised in the last general election that it will not push up the price of fuel should it return to power, Koh questioned the government's decision in excluding RON 97 from the price hike.

"RON 97, as we know, is used by the rich who own big cars while RON 95 is used by the middle-income earners," he said.

The price of RON 95 and diesel went up by 20 sen on Oct 2. They are now priced at RM2.30 and RM2.20 per litre respectively.

Meanwhile, Koh said that for the sake of the country's future, the government should walk the talk of its 'people first, performance now' slogan.

"Stop implementing neo-liberalism economic policies and start practising good governance.

"If they say that winning the Telok Intan and Pengkalan Kubor by-elections showed how policies which burden the rakyat, such as the fuel hike, is accepted by the people, then in

the next general election, they will feel the wrath of both the rural and urban voters,” he added.

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