

Day 1 - Ku Li missing?
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FREE BY-ELECTIONS What's happening in the by-election campaigns in the parliamentary constituency of Batu Sapi and the Galas state seat? Quotable quotes, planned events and unplanned incidences as they occur in P185 and N45.

8.00 -11,00pm - Wan Azizah, PKR Youth chief Shamsul Iskandar Ikin and other PKR, PAS and DAP leaders to speak at a *ceramah* at (1) Rumah Nurul, Kampong Taba Baru and (2) Rumah Asma Jumaat, in Kampong Karamunting Baru, Batu Sapi.

7.30pm: Petaling Jaya Utara MP Tony Pua, Pasir Pinji state assembly person Thomas Su and Perak DAP chief Ngeh Koo Ham will be speaking in a *ceramah* at DAP campaign centre, Galas.

5.00pm: Galas PAS candidate Dr Zulkefli Mohamad (*below, next to PAS president Abdul Hadi Awang*) will hold a press conference at PAS' Gua Musang headquarters for his maiden press conference after his candidacy was confirmed.

3.00p.m: Youth and Sports Minister Ahmad Shabery Cheek will visit the Brooke Post Orang Asli community, Galas, in a meet-and-greet session with youth and community leaders.

DAP Perak state chief Ngeh Koo Ham and other Pakatan Rakyat leaders will be going to Kampung Gua Musang, a Chinese-majority area for a walkabout.

2.00pm: PKR president Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail and Ansari Abdullah to go on a walkabout at Bandar Leila, Batu Sapi, around the Nan Tung shophouses and port area.

1.56pm: Kelantan exco Husam Musa questions the high cost of building the People's Housing Project (PPR) that Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin launched last Saturday.

"The price is too high - RM120,000 - for (each unit measuring) 700 square feet for 18 five-story blocks.

"In Kelantan, the most expensive (PPR) flats are, I think, RM50,000 or RM60,000 per unit.

Husam (*above, blue shirt*) also cynically suggested there be an additional 2,000 units built in order to accommodate the high demands for such PPR flats.

"Then the Chinese can get the units, their (current) homes would be vacant, and they can sell to others," said Husam.

"(This PPR project) doesn't make sense."

11.40am: Kelantan BN liaison chief Mustapa Mohamad spoke to Malaysiakini on why Gua Musang MP Razaleigh Hamzah did not join BN supporters in the VIPs' area after sending their Galas candidate to the nomination centre compound.

"He made the decision to be with the people outside."

Informed that Razaleigh had left for home, Mustapha then changed his tune.

"He is resting lah. That is normal, everything is already over, with no problems. He said that if there are any problems, then I (should) call him."

He denied Razaleigh's absence portended Umno infighting.

"No, No, No, this morning he led BN here, he was around until 10.30am. Most people here are outsiders - not voters. There is no need for him to be here."

11.00am: Umno Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin denies Tengku Razaleigh overshadows the BN candidate Abdul Aziz Yusof (*below*) in the Galas by-election campaign.

"Ku Li is very respected in Gua Musang as he has been serving here for long. We welcome him and you cannot ignore him.

"But our candidate also has his own strength. If we have the support of Ku Li, of cause it will be a bonus for us and Gua Musang people," he said.

The Rembau MP also took a shot at PAS for questioning the educational background of Abdul Aziz.

"Even in the Manek Urai by-election, our candidate had a better education background - we did not attack the PAS candidate," he said. The issue of qualifications will not be a setback for BN in this campaign.

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