

PKR and SAPP step it up but BN eases off
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With 12 hours into the Batu Sapi by-election polling day, both PKR and SAPP are leaving no stone unturned in the final push to defeat BN.

NONEHowever BN apparently will not have any large scale activity tonight although Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin (in black suit, with BN candidate Linda Tsen, extreme left) is expected to fly in at about 5pm.

Instead a closed-door meeting between Muhyiddin and all Sabah BN leaders will be held tonight in Sabah Hotel, Sandakan. PKR will have its final ceramah at the hall of Yuk Yuan Independent School, aimed at Chinese voters.

The party is banking on DAP secretary-general-cum-Penang Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng who will arrive tonight to garner more Chinese support.

NONEPKR had published a full-page colour advertisement in all local Chinese newspapers to publicise the ceramah.

The advertisement features a photo showing Lim giving RM100 aid to senior citizens in Penang, a new policy after Pakatan took over the state government.

It also compares the report card of Lim and SAPP candidate Yong Teck Lee during their two-year tenure as Penang and Sabah chief ministers respectively.

SAPP also will be holding a mega ceramah at the hall of the Tai Tung Kindergarten at Taman Mawar, a Chinese majority area.

According to an official notice, Muhyiddin will perform his prayers at a local mosque after touching down from Sandakan and his only official activity tonight is a meeting with Sabah BN leaders.

Tomorrow he will be patrolling polling stations and only leave for Kuala Lumpur after the by-election result, which is expected to be announced by 8pm.

Many see this as a sign that BN is confident of a comfortable victory tomorrow.

Carrot and stick approach

In another related development, PKR election director Fuziah Salleh claimed that BN used "goodies blitz" and intimidation to stop voters from supporting PKR.

NONEIn the party's daily press conference this morning at PKR operation centre, Fuziah (pictured with PKR candidate Ansari Abdullah) played a short videoclip.

It showed villagers who claimed that BN gave free zinc sheets yesterday at the BN operation centre located at the Karamunting MPS flats.

According to the villagers, only those who showed their voting slip issued by political parties, were entitled for the free goodies.

"How desperate and how low BN can be?" said the Kuantan MP.

She also claimed that the government-appointed village development and security committee in Pulau Timbang and Pulau Shanghai had ordered villagers to take down PKR flags in those islands.

"They are also intimidating the villagers to not let PKR campaigners fetch them to vote tomorrow."

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