

BN candidate not Pak Lah's man, says Najib
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The Barisan Nasional candidate for the Jan 17 Kuala Terengganu by-election is not Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi's man as alleged by certain quarters.
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Clearing the air on this today, Deputy Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak said the candidate Wan Ahmad Farid Wan Salleh was picked based on a collective decision.

najib on kuala terengganu by election 060109 02"Some say Wan Farid is Abdullah's man... he is not anybody's man because the prime minister and I together chose him.

"Why would we push aside a local man and a deputy minister? He holds an LLB," he was quoted as saying by Bernama.

Najib said he had to explain because many quarters made various assumptions regarding Wan Farid's selection.

"That is why I need to explain; because there are all sorts of assumptions in analytical pieces (in the media). This cannot go on, and our candidate has nothing do with Abdullah, me or (Terengganu Menteri Besar) Ahmad (Said)," he said.

BN has learnt its lesson

Nonetheless, he said, Wan Farid's candidacy had to be connected to something - and that was BN's role in handling national and state policies.

kuala terengganu by election wan farid interview 090109 03Therefore, he added, it was important for BN to ensure Wan Farid gets elected as the people's representative for the parliamentary constituency.

He also said BN was always committed to making changes including for the people's well-being and comfort.

The party had learnt its lesson from the 12th general election in March that it should listen to the people's voices and do what they hoped it should do, he said.

According to him, BN always made good its promises unlike the opposition who knew how to talk but failed to carry it through.