

Najib: Vote for candidate who can deliver
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Prime Minister Najib Razak said voters in Bagan Pinang should choose wisely and pick the candidate who would be best able to serve them.

He said the by-election for the state seat on Oct 11 was not one that could alter the government but was only to choose an elected representative to serve them.

"As expected, it is a straight fight (in Bagan Pinang). As such, we urge voters to evaluate wisely as to who among the candidates can best serve them.

"In a by-election, what is important is the service an elected representative can render. He should be able to resolve the problems voters face, this is the yardstick. Like in Bagan Pinang," he told reporters after presenting aid to 161 people from the Pekan parliamentary constituency who will be performing the Hajj. Najib is also the MP for Pekan.

The Bagan Pinang by-election will see a straight fight between the Barisan Nasional's Mohd Isa Abdul Samad, who is also former Negeri Sembilan menteri besar, and Zulkefly Mohamad Omar, the Negeri Sembilan PAS commissioner.

Putera Umno chief allegedly punched

Asked about comments by former prime minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad that Isa should not have been picked as the BN's candidate in the by-election, Najib: "I do not think the matter arises any longer, we must look forward. What is important is the service the assemblyman can offer the constituents."

On untoward incidents that happened during the nomination process today including an incident which involved Putera Umno chief Abdul Azeez Abdul Rahim (*right*) who claimed to have been punched by a supporter of the opposition, Najib said such incidents would not happen if everyone showed respect for the law.

"If he was punched, I hope he makes a police report. We should not be doing anything that is against the law and this includes roughing up someone.

"We should also be showing good examples, showing respect to the democratic process is one of them." said Najib.

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