

No problem with BN candidate, says Ku Li
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GUA MUSANG - Tengku Razaleigh, who is Barisan Nasional director for the Galas by-election, has denied allegations that he was having problems with BN candidate Abdul Aziz Yusoff.

Razaleigh, who is also Gua Musang Umno division head, was facing allegations that he was not seen among the party leaders who accompanied Abdul Aziz to the nomination centre at the Gua Musang Land and District Office, here Tuesday.

This raised questions among the various quarters including the opposition, which led to the allegations that there was a tiff between Tengku Razaleigh and Abdul Aziz.

Explaining the matter, Razaleigh said he normally did not go to the district office during the nomination process.

"Furthermore, many of my friends were already accompanying the candidate to submit his nomination papers. So, I felt it was better for me to remain outside with our supporters and workers from all over the country who had converged at the centre, there's no problem," he said.

He disclosed this when approached by reporters during a "walkabout" at Kampung Baru, here Tuesday night.

Asked whether he was unhappy with Abdul Aziz as alleged by the opposition, Razaleigh said: "Unhappy over what? It's normal (for the opposition) to break us up."

He said the efforts by the opposition would not work because he and the Gua Musang Umno divisional committee fully supported the selection of Abdul Aziz and they had nominated his name to party president Najib Abdul Razak for selection as the candidate.

Commenting on the slightly different campaigning style in Galas compared to the previous by-elections, Razaleigh said the change in approach was to ensure BN's victory.

He said all visits and programmes during the campaign must be coordinated to avoid duplication.

"That's why I try to organise the operations to avoid duplication. That's why we reduce visits by ministers to the same place. We try to change and direct them to other places," he added. - Bernama