

**Double victory for Barisan in Galas and Batu Sapi**  
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KUALA LUMPUR -- Barisan Nasional (BN) scored a double victory by retaining the Batu Sapi parliamentary seat and regaining the Galas seat from PAS in the two states by-elections Thursday.

BN retained the Batu Sapi parliamentary seat when its candidate Linda Tsen Thau Lin won a three-cornered fight with a majority of 6,359 votes while Abdul Aziz Yusoff won the Galas state by-election with a 1,190-vote majority.

Tsen, widow of the late MP Edmund Chong Ket, of Parti Bersatu Sabah (PBS), defeated her arch-rival Sabah Progressive Party (SAPP) president Yong Teck Lee and Ansari Abdullah of Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR).

The result announced at Sandakan Community Hall revealed that Tsen successfully polled 9,773 votes against Ansari's 3,414 and Yong's 2,031.

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In Gua Musang, it was announced by Galas by-election returning officer Wan Mustapha Wan Ab Hamid that Abdul Aziz garnered 5,324 votes against PAS candidate Dr Zulkefli Mohamad's 4,134.

The announcement was made at the vote tallying centre, the Gua Musang Civic Hall.

The Galas by-election was held following the death of its incumbent assemblyman Chek Hashim Sulaima, 46, on Sept 27 from colon cancer.

The Galas constituency has 11,553 registered voters. A total of 9,555 voters or 82.71 per cent cast their ballots in this by-election today compared to 81 per cent in the 2008 general election. - Bernama

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