

Razaleigh: People's trust in BN restored
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GUA MUSANG - Barisan Nasional election director for the Galas by-election, Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah (picture) , regarded the coalition's landslide victory as a signal of the people's desire for change and development.

He said this was reflected with the show of support, especially by the young voters in Galas.

"We will get our candidate to meet Kelantan Menteri Besar Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat to convey to him the hope of the people in Galas, especially the Orang Asli," he told reporters at a media conference at his residence in Bukit Cekati here Thursday night.

He said the huge majority of 1,190 votes won by the BN candidate was a result of team work and BN leaders and election machinery going to the ground to meet the people.

BN candidate Abdul Aziz Yusoff garnered 5,324 votes in a straight-fight against Pas' Dr Zulkefli Mohamad, who obtained 4,134 votes.

Kelantan BN chairman Mustapa Mohamed regarded the coalition's victory in Galas as a sign of BN's revival in Kelantan.

"It is unexpected because in the early stage, it was a 50-50 chance. This is a good sign, meaning that the people have accepted the transformation carried out by the BN government and have rejected the opposition's strategy of making slanderous accusations," he said when met at the Gua Musang Civic Hall.

Mustapa, who is International Trade and Industry Minister, said the moderate campaign approach adopted by Tengku Razaleigh was a success and could be practised at international level.

He said the victory would bring confidence to and boost the spirit of the Kelantan BN.

MCA vice-president Datuk Seri Dr Ng Yen Yen said BN's win in Galas also proved that the Chinese voters had realised that only BN could bring development and also showed that they had accepted the 1Malaysia concept.

"The Chinese in Galas are now fed up with the Pas Kelantan government for making empty promises," she added.

Umno Information chief Ahmad Maslan said the BN's landslide win in Galas showed that the people had lost confidence in the opposition.

Wanita Umno chief Shahrizat Abdul Jalil said it would inject new spirit in the movement's machinery nationwide.

Kelantan People's Progressive Party (PPP) chairman, Nik Sapeia Nik Yusof, said the BN's victory in Galas showed that the Kelantan people accepted Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak's leadership and policies implemented by him.

Meanwhile, Information Communication and Culture Minister Dr Rais Yatim said it also showed the confidence of the people in both constituencies in the leadership of Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak and his deputy, Muhyiddin Yassin.

"I believe the prime minister's policy on transforming the government and the people's economy also contributed to this victory," he said in a short messaging message sent to Bernama here.

He said the double victory "clearly reflected the people's stance and choice for BN.-
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