

Pakatan Also Echoing Najib's Mantra for Winnable Candidates
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In anticipation of the flurry of upcoming by-elections in Merlimau, possibly Port Klang and looming prospect of Sarawak state elections, Selangor Exco member, Dr. Xavier Jayakumar urged the coalition of PKR, DAP and PAS to step back and relook at their strategies.

The upshot is that it echoed Najib's oft repeated mantra of fielding popular and winnable candidates, not one that is strong within the Party.

"Though we all agree that we have to stay united we are faced with new challenges and most importantly people's expectations. In coming to the best solutions we have to re look at the strategies to make sure that we as a team would be able to win elections with the best options possible," Jeyakumar said in a statement today.

He urged Pakatan leadership to seriously look at all the seats both State and Parliamentary to make sure the best options are regarded.

"It cannot claim seats just because we contested the seat in the previous election, rather we have to pay attention to win ability. Only a win will make sure we bring about the changes we are all aiming for. I hope all the leaders both state and central will seriously look and make the changes on win ability rather than party sentiments," the assemblyman for Sri Andalas added.

Najib's strategy has come under fire from Pakatan leadership, particularly from DAP accusing the Barisan Nasional chairman of disregarding the virtues of integrity and values over that of popularity that may have been obtained through questionable means.

If Xavier Jayakumar's words reflect that of his Pakatan colleagues, it may be a case of the coalition reassessing their priorities.

"Lets not take it for granted that in the coming national elections we use facts rather than racial, religious and die hard party lines. Putrajaya is us for the taking petty party politics will not help us in the long run," his statement ended.

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