

Keadilan in talks with PAS

PETALING JAYA: Keadilan is working with PAS in the latter's bid to wrest the Batu Talam state seat from the Barisan Nasional (BN) in the coming by-election.

Parti Keadilan Rakyat president Datin Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail said the two parties had started discussions and Keadilan would continue to give its input for the benefit of the opposition.

"We are working on the strategies as to how to give BN a run for their money. There are so many issues in the country now. The issues which we have brought up all this while are relevant, more so now.

"We hope people in the constituency will cast their votes with their mind and heart. Give the opposition a chance to show we also can work for them," Wan Azizah told *theSun* when contacted yesterday.

Asked about PAS' chances of winning, Wan Azizah said they were keeping their fingers crossed although the opposition expected to face difficulties and obstacles from the ruling government.

She also said as of now, Keadilan was not thinking of putting up its candidate in the by-election and would leave it to PAS as it has been contesting against BN for the seat.

Meanwhile, DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng, when contacted, said: "We have no interest in that seat."

On Wednesday, PAS vice-president Datuk Husam Musa had said the party would field a candidate in the by-election, something it had done since 1999. No name was given.

The electorate comprises 78.7% Malays, 11.3% Chinese, 5.6% Indians, and 4.3% orang asli.