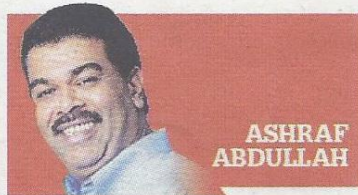


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By-election results — a referendum rejecting Dr M?

NO SUPPORT: It's a clear indication that people reject Dr M's so-called Save Malaysia Campaign



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THE results of the simultaneous by-elections in Kuala Kangsar and Sungai Besar have now given credence to the allegations that most of the 1.2 million signatures obtained by the Anti-Najib Campaign are false.

If Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's claim that most Malaysians have rejected Datuk Seri Najib Razak as prime minister and leader of Barisan Nasional (BN) was anything to go by, surely the voters in Kuala Kangsar and Sungai Besar would have rejected BN.

And this came hardly two



months after BN's landslide victory in the Sarawak state election.

On the contrary, BN won both the parliamentary seats with bigger, more comfortable majorities.

The BN candidate in Sungai Besar, Budiman Mohd Zohdi, bagged 16,800 votes to win with a majority of 9,191 votes.

This is compared with the mere 399-vote majority obtained by BN in the 13th General Election.

In Kuala Kangsar, BN's Datin Mastura Mohd Yazid obtained 12,653 votes to win with a 6,969-vote majority.

In the 13th General Election BN won with a majority of only 1,082 votes.

In fact, the big majorities obtained by BN are a referendum rejecting Dr Mahathir and his Anti-

Najib Campaign.

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Dr Mahathir had earlier claimed that the Anti-Najib Campaign, which he spearheads with some of the opposition leaders like Lim Kit Siang, had obtained 1.2 million signatures calling for Najib's resignation.

Subsequently, a part-time computer programmer had come forward claiming he had "sold" a database containing about 900,000 names and MyKad numbers for the Mahathir-Kit Siang Declaration.

The man, Azharuddin Othman@Abdullah, produced a copy of a statutory declaration claiming he was approached by a woman who used the nickname "Ratu Naga" on Facebook.

Azharuddin claimed that only 300,000 of the 1.2 million signatures were not from his list.

The rest of the names were from the electoral database, which he had used in his work with political parties for elections.

The voters in the suburban constituencies of Kuala Kangsar and Sungai Besar have shown that the people are solidly behind BN and Najib.

Dr Mahathir had earlier said the two by-elections should serve as a referendum to reject Najib as prime minister.

In fact, he made trips to Kuala Kangsar and Sungai Besar to campaign for Parti Amanah Negara candidates.

But in actual fact, it was a referendum rejecting Dr Mahathir and his so-called Save Malaysia Campaign.

The voters have spoken. Dr Mahathir's Save Malaysia Campaign is dead and buried.

Perhaps it is now time for the soon to be 92-year-old to call it a day.

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