

STRONGER UNITY GOVT TO PREVAIL

'POWERFUL STRATEGY TO ENSURE POLLS' WIN'

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AN *ampuh* (powerful) strategy by Pakatan Harapan and Barisan Nasional will ensure a stronger unity government and victory in the state elections.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said with BN's, particularly Umno's, strong base in rural areas and PH's, particularly DAP's, strong base in urban areas, no one could shake the alliance.

"If PH and BN have a powerful strategy and we mobilise the strength of the grassroots, no one can shake us.

"We will mobilise this strength nationwide, particularly the six states facing the elections," he said in his speech at the Jelajah Perpaduan Madani event and launch of the election machinery at Tapak Expo here on Sunday night to tens of thousands of PH and BN supporters.

Present were BN chairman Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hami-

di, caretaker Penang Chief Minister Chow Kon Yeow and other party leaders.

Anwar said he could sense a resurgence among Penang folk.

"This time, we will decide the state government. I have full confidence in Chow's track record.

"With the cooperation between two big coalitions, I believe we can make history in Penang.

"This is the first time in history that both coalitions are collaborating due to our commitment to save the country from past practices. All this is to ensure stability."

Anwar also paid tribute to his cabinet ministers.

"It has been eight months since we came to power and I monitored all the ministers. There is not a single case of *sakau* (plunder). With a leadership with integrity, we can save the country.

"This is historic for the country's politics. If we do not clean up, Malaysia will go to the dogs.

"This is our home and we have to protect it at all costs."

Zahid told Barisan Nasional, particularly Umno, to close old books and open a new one in the cooperation with PH to ensure victory in the state elections.

The deputy prime minister said he used to be "allergic" to the "rocket", referring to DAP.

"Previously, it was *lawan tetap lawan*'. But why should we continue fighting?

"We should work together to ensure our victory and strengthen the unity government," he said in his speech at the event.

Zahid said togetherness and compatibility were important in their cooperation.

He said the Penang Umno machinery promised him that whenever PH contested, the BN machinery would help.

"For Penang, we are confident of retaining the state.

"Even the prime minister has confirmed that. Chow will be chief minister again if the alliance wins the state election.

"Chow, remember, I am your brother.

"I am going to deliver my ADUN (assemblymen) to you. We would like a share as well.

"This is not a question of power, but togetherness. When we are committed, we will go all out to strengthen the unity government.

"Chow, this is BN's first time as a (PH) partner. There will be no flip-flop.

"When we make a promise, we will fulfil it. That is our commitment."

Zahid said Islam was never threatened under the unity government.

"(DAP secretary-general) Anthony Loke sits on my right during cabinet meetings. Never has he raised any anti-Islam issues.

"He agrees with whatever the prime minister says."