

'Repay Umno for what it has done'

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Children of Felda settlers told to be grateful for government for giving them a better life

UMNO delegate, who is also the second generation of Felda settlers Datuk Wan Amizan Abdul Razak, said settlers' children must stop believing in lies spread by the opposition.

They should remember their roots and not be easily swayed by the opposition, the Jerantut Umno deputy chief said when debating the presidential speech yesterday.

Attributing his family's success to Felda, Wan Amizan said he was baffled why settlers' children were not grateful for the comfortable life they now enjoyed and still fell for the opposition.

"In the 1970s, the monthly allowance paid to each settler was RM69.90, and now some settlers are earning RM10,000 a month, with their children holding high posts in the civil service, and private companies as company directors. Who do we owe this to?"

"We are indebted to the late Tun Abdul Razak (Hussein) who had changed our family's future and today, I am grateful that his struggles are being continued by his son, our prime minister.

"Therefore, I am calling on all Felda people to repay what Umno has done for us.

"Return our support to Umno and the Barisan Nasional", he said, adding that his father had heeded Razak's advice by relocating his family to a Felda settlement in 1976.

"Tun Razak came to meet the people of Pahang when my father was in the government service and he was asked to relocate if he loved his family, which he did. All my 13 siblings went to university," he said, adding that in Felda settlements today, each household has at least five degree holders.

On another matter, Wan Amizan asked Umno members not to aggravate matters when accusations were hurled against party leaders by making personal comments.

"From today onwards, Umno members must promise themselves that they will put to stop any slander against our leaders. If we comment or give our opinion, we will keep the accusations alive.

"Putting a stop to slanders does not mean that we are not making efforts to counter it, but we have to find a better approach, like through the new media."

Meanwhile, Selangor representative Datuk Johan Abd Aziz said party leaders and members

must work together to wrest Selangor back from the opposition in the next general election.

"Selangor is the most developed state in the country and we cannot afford to lose it again this coming general election.

"I would like to ask all leaders, including Umno supreme council members, to go down to the grassroots to help recapture Selangor and other states now under the opposition," Johan, who is Hulu Langat Umno chief, said.

The people of Selangor, especially the Malays, should not be deceived by promises made by the Parti Keadilan Rakyat-led state government.

"In their election manifesto, they promised more business premises, but what is happening is that they are increasing rentals 300 per cent at the Shah Alam PKNS complex, mostly rented by the Malays and Bumiputeras."

Johan also challenged Professor Dr Abdul Aziz Bari to resign from his post as a senior lecturer at the International Islamic University Malaysia.

Aziz had questioned the Sultan of Selangor's decree on the Damansara Utama Methodist Church (DUMC) inspection.

"Don't try to hide behind an academic post to show disrespect towards the Malay rulers' institution," he said.

The Selangor Sultan had said the State Islamic Religious Department (Jais) did not run foul of the law when it conducted checks on the DUMC.

The ruler said there were attempts to proselytise Muslims but no group should be prosecuted over the inspection mounted in August.

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