

Call For Selangor Umno To Win The Hearts Of Fence-sitters
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SHAH ALAM, Nov 30 (Bernama) -- A political analyst today called on Selangor Umno to intensify its programmes in urban areas such as Shah Alam, Petaling Jaya, Ampang and Gombak to win the hearts of the fence-sitters, especially among the young Malay professionals.

Professor Datuk Dr Ramlah Adam of Universiti Teknologi Mara said these cities and towns were seen to have been forgotten by Selangor Umno in organising their activities.

"These fence-sitters were probably upset with the party before, but it is almost four years (after Selangor Umno's dismal performance in the 2008 general election) and the angry voters should have cooled off by now, especially with the determination showed by the government in implementing its transformation programmes," she told Bernama.

Among the government's successful efforts to persuade these voters was by giving out the schooling aid of RM100 to all students, including those in private and state religious schools, she said.

In 2008 general election, Barisan Nasional only won 20 out of 56 state seats in Selangor, and thus, leaving the state in the hand of the opposition.

Hence, Ramlah said it was vital for Umno wings, especially Youth and Puteri, to organise more activities to reach out to the voters, especially among the young people, to pledge their supports for Umno.

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