

**Ahmad Spells Out Factors That Determine BN's Performance In Coming Election**  
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IPOH, Jan 17 (Bernama) -- Umno information chief has spelled out four factors, among them hard work and good track record at the state and federal levels, which will determine the performance of Barisan Nasional (BN) in the coming election.

The other two factors are the people's acceptance of existing policies and the coalition's plans for the future.

Speaking to reporters after a BN information event at state Umno headquarters here last night, he said it was important for all component parties to set up their information machinery and put in it "full gear" by meeting their constituents and the media, either print, digital or electronic.

Ahmad who is Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, said the information drive should be carried out in an aggressive manner, stressing that the people were now feeling the momentum of the coming election.

He said the BN should also take note of Opposition leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's acquittal but stressed that it was not "the end all and be all" for BN's survival in the election.

Ahmad also said that the opposition leader's attempt to discredit the BN overseas was akin to reading a new script when the old one became stale.

To a question, he admitted that there were BN leaders who had not gone to the ground to meet their constituents and said that the BN was not 100 per cent perfect.

"However, all BN leaders constantly strive to improve themselves so that they can serve the people better."

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