

**Have A "Winning Psychology" - Umno Info Chief
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BANTING, Jan 23 (Bernama) -- Umno information chief Datuk Ahmad Maslan called on party members to adopt a "winning psychology" and discard any defeatist notions, stressing that the Barisan Nasional (BN) is strong.

Speaking at the party's information roadshow here, Ahmad said, even in states where the BN is the opposition, the coalition has the strength which it should capitalise on.

"We have the strength, and we should capitalise on it," he said, "Don't ever think that we are weak; and don't ever think that we are under pressure just because we are in the opposition."

He said there would be four factors which would determine the BN's victory in the coming general election, namely its track record, the diversity of its existing policies, its plans for future and the need for leaders at all levels to go down and meet the grassroots.

He also said that the BN's ability to win in the election had nothing to do with the court case involving Pakatan de facto leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

"Whether he is free or not, guilty or otherwise, it's not important," Ahmad said. "It's not even about whether the opposition is strong or not; it's about our own strength and the four factors which I've mentioned."

About 2,000 people from the Kuala Langat parliamentary constituency as well as Hulu Selangor MP P. Kamalanathan and Kuala Langat Umno chief Datuk Sulaiman attended the event.

Ahmad, who is Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, was also confident that the BN would excel in the coming election based on the results of the Sarawak state election last year and several by-elections in Hulu Selangor, Galas, Batu Sapi, Tenang and Kerbau.

"Anwar came and delivered his ceramah here and there. But towards the end of the series of by-elections, Pakatan won none of them.

"Now with the various assistance announced by the prime minister, I think we have a bright prospect," he said.

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