

Barisan Comes To Rescue Of Woman, Son And Grandchildren Squatting In Temple
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NIBONG TEBAL, April 20 (Bernama) -- For the past three months, grandmother Teoh Yong King has been staying at a temple here, with her son and two grandchildren.

The temple has been a god-sent 'home' to the family since a fire destroyed their house on Jan 14.

As both Teoh, 57, and fourth son, Tan Hun Chow, 26, were jobless, they had little choice but to seek shelter at the temple, together with her grand-children.

"We were forced to put up at the temple because my son and I are jobless. We cannot even afford to rent a house.

"My house was destroyed in the fire and I could not retrieve anything. I sought help from the state government but there was no response," said the mother of four.

Despite what appeared to be insurmountable odds, the gritty granny was not one to give up easily. She prayed for the proverbial light at the end of the tunnel.

For Teoh, that 'light' came in the form of the Barisan Nasional (BN) which has presented her with a new home to tide over her misfortune.

"I am fortunate there are Barisan Nasional leaders who are concerned about our plight. They asked us what we needed and we replied that if it was possible, give us a house," she told reporters after visiting the new house here today.

Teoh thanked the federal government for its concern by building the new home and providing other household items for her family.

Meanwhile, state Umno liaison committee chairman Datuk Zainal Abidin Osman, who was present with her, said the RM40,000 house was built on the original site.

He said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, who was scheduled to visit Penang on Sunday, would hand over the house keys to Teoh.

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