

Survey finds half of voters support BN
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KUALA LUMPUR: Almost half of Malaysians are expected to vote for Barisan Nasional in the next general election, a survey by the Universiti Malaya Centre for Democracy and Elections (UMCEDEL) revealed yesterday.

The survey, which involved 2,282 respondents conducted between March 31 and April 15, showed that 49 per cent would choose BN over Pakatan Rakyat, while 30 per cent of voters were fence sitters.

"The fence sitters will play an important role in the next election. They usually decide who they want to vote for at the very last minute. Pakatan has a long way to go."

The respondents were asked if the transformation programmes initiated by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak increased their support for BN.

Sixty-eight per cent of respondents praised the Kedai Rakyat 1Malaysia (KR1M), while another 74 per cent lauded the 1Malaysia Clinic programme.

"The survey on the whole showed how difficult it would be for Pakatan to establish a government after the next general election."

In Perak, UMCEDEL predicted Pakatan would face a "huge battle" to win back the state which they won in 2008 but lost to BN the following year.

The survey also found that Pakatan would continue to reign in Kelantan with 44 per cent support while 27 per cent backed BN.

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