

'Don't forget history'
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NOT OVER YET: Penang opposition leader reminds CM that Penangites will back BN again, like in 1995

THE DAP may want to think that they are good enough for a clean sweep in the next general election, but state opposition leader Datuk Azhar Ibrahim told the party not to forget 1990 and 1995.

Azhar reminded Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng that it was the DAP leadership's arrogance -- particularly that of his father, Lim Kit Siang -- that caused Penangites to reject DAP during the 1995 general election after giving them sound support five years earlier.

"The DAP won 19 seats in the 1990 general election and the party leaders became arrogant because power got to their heads.

"That was why the voters rejected them by proving to Kit Siang that his Tanjung 3 project was a failure."

Azhar was speaking after opening a fire safety campaign organised by the state Fire and Rescue Department in Kuala Muda.

Present was state Fire and Rescue Department director Azmi Tamat.

Azhar warned Guan Eng that history might repeat itself following the chief minister's remark three months ago that Barisan Nasional would be forced to "eat eggs".

He added that like his father, Guan Eng had become arrogant ever since he came from Malacca to contest and eventually became the state's chief executive.

"He (Guan Eng) has been calling for press conferences every now and then, claiming the credit for all efforts of others, including projects formulated by the previous BN state government," said Azhar.

Guan Eng was reported to have made the remark during his speech at a DAP fundraising dinner in March, which he later denied and claimed that it was taken out of context and manipulated.

Azhar, who has served as Penaga assemblyman for five terms, said Umno president Datuk Seri Najib Razak would make the best choice of a winnable candidate to succeed him as the BN candidate for the constituency.

He said former prime minister Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, who is Kepala Batas Umno division chief, had submitted a few names and it was up to Najib to decide.

He also brushed aside claims by Parti Keadilan Rakyat and Pas that they would be making inroads in the Kepala Batas and Tasek Gelugor parliamentary constituencies, the two Umno stronghold seats in the state.

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