

**People In Kedah Should Punish Opposition For Empty Promises, Says Mukhriz
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BALING, Nov 4 (Bernama) -- The people in Kedah, irrespective of race, should punish the PAS-led state government for failing to fulfil its promises made in the opposition manifesto in the last general election.

Kedah Umno liaison deputy chief Datuk Mukhriz Mahathir said the failure of PAS and its allies in the opposition to fulfil their promises made while campaigning in the 12th general election in 2008, proved that they were not a responsible government.

He said the public in Kedah had made it increasingly clear that they were disappointed with the state government as it was unable to fulfil even one of the promises made to help the people, as stated in their 1st general election manifesto.

Mukhriz, who is also International Trade and Industry Deputy Minister, believed that public anger in Kedah could not be allayed anymore by PAS' promises, which were actually empty, and Pakatan was increasingly desperate to gain public sympathy with the 13th general election approaching.

"PAS has to resort to alleging that in assisting the people, such as giving financial aid like the BR1M, the Barisan Nasional government had to borrow money from certain quarters and it even denounced the BR1M as haram (forbidden) to poison the people's minds."

Mukhriz said this when opening the Gelombang Merah (Red Wave) programme for the Baling parliamentary constituency at the Ulu Bakai Keda settlement, here, Sunday.

He reminded the people of all races not to easily fall for PAS and its opposition partners' instigation as they were getting increasingly desperate with the 13th general election approaching.

"PAS is proven to be willing to do anything in every coming general election as they believe they will not be able to defeat Umno and BN without forming a pact with DAP and Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR), and without slandering Umno and BN," he said.

At the event, Mukhriz also handed out contributions in cash and foodstuff to 70 senior citizens and Umno veterans.

Also present was Baling Umno division chief Datuk Abd Azeez Abd Rahim.

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