

**Permatang Pauh Umno Pledges Support To Candidates Chosen By PM
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BUKIT MERTA JAM, December 13 (Bernama) -- The Permatang Pauh Umno division has pledged to fully support any candidate chosen by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak to contest in the constituency in the 13th general election.

Its chief, Datuk Abdul Jalil Abdul Majid said he was confident that the candidate fielded would be able to wrest the seat from the opposition due to growing support to Umno and the Barisan Nasional (BN).

"I can attest that no party member will sabotage the candidate chosen and if anyone is found doing so, stern action will be taken against him," he told reporters after presenting school uniforms and essential items donated by the Penang Regional Development Authority (Perda) to 190 children from poor families, here Thursday.

Abdul Jalil, who is also Permatang Pauh BN chairman, said local residents, including non-Malays, were beginning to show changes towards Umno by attending functions organised by the party.

He said the Umno and BN election machinery was ready to be activated to wrest the Permatang Pauh seat from opposition leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and two state seats in the parliamentary constituency as well as retain the Seberang Jaya state seat.

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