

22 State Seats Considered white Areas For Kedah BN
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ALOR SETAR, April 2 (Bernama) -- Twenty-two of the 36 state seats in Kedah are considered "white" or safe for Barisan Nasional (BN) in the upcoming 13th general election.

Another six state seats are considered "whitish grey" for BN, so BN has a good chance of winning 28 state seats to wrest back Kedah from Pakatan Rakyat with two-thirds majority.

State BN chairman Datuk Ahmad Bashah Md Hanipah said as for the parliamentary seats in Kedah, BN targeted 11 of the 15, with seven categorised as "white" and four as "whitish grey".

"We believe the fence-sitters will side with us, considering what the BN-controlled federal government has done for the benefit of the people in the last five years," he said after launching the Kuala Kedah parliamentary constituency's Blue Wave Tour programme Tuesday.

For a simple majority to form the government, Kedah BN needs to win 19 seats and 24 seats for two-thirds majority.

Ahmad Bashah believed that support for BN from the Indian community in the state had reached 85 per cent while from the Chinese community, it targeted at least 40 per cent.

He said the candidates would be announced one week earlier this time compared to previously when the names were revealed one day before the nomination day.

"By announcing the names earlier, the candidates would have more time to introduce themselves and mingle with the public, besides preventing any problem involving a person's candidacy having to be dealt with at the last minute," he added.

Meanwhile, Ahmad Bashah urged all BN election workers to step up work in their respective district polling centres so as to get as many voters as possible to support BN.

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