

**Be Wise When Choosing Government To Enable Gelang Patah Development - DPM
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 6 (Bernama) -- Gelang Patah voters need to wisely evaluate and make the right choice by choosing Barisan Nasional (BN) as the BN government has developed the area into a centre of economic growth in southern Malaysia.

Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said voters should be aware of how the BN government developed an area from nothing, into the most rapid growing area in the country.

Muhyiddin was commenting on a DAP strategy to kill MCA in Johor, by putting its advisor, Lim Kit Siang, as a candidate in the Gelang Patah parliamentary seat in which the Johor administrative centre, Nusajaya, is located.

He said the Gelang Patah parliamentary seat would be defended as it is the centre of the state government administration in Nusajaya.

"From an undeveloped area, Nusajaya today has been developed by the BN government into a development centre with various infrastructural facilities," he said.

Speaking to reporters after a ground visit at Lembah Pantai and breakfast at a stall in Rakyat Desa Pantai condominium here today, Muhyiddin described Lim's move as that of a parachute politician whereby, he had no attachment and was not known by the people of Gelang Patah.

"Kit Siang is more interested in himself. He thinks he is an iconic Chinese leader. He has said he would fight for the Chinese but Gelang Patah is a multi-racial seat.

"Importance should not be solely on the candidate put up to fight Kit Siang but the voters also need to value how BN braved all challenges and protests to develop Gelang Patah to its present status," he said.

Since the 1969 General Election, the DAP leader has been standing in several parliamentary areas, including Bandar Melaka, Petaling, Kota Melaka, Tanjong and Bukit Bendera.

Asked to comment on the decision of Opposition leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim to stay put in Permatang Pauh, Muhyiddin said:

"When the prime minister said Anwar was afraid to stand in Permatang Pauh, he wants to show that he is not afraid and returned (to Permatang Pauh)...but I think he is scared BN may send a powerful candidate."

He said Anwar's decision was not so important to the voters in Permatang Pauh as they had long known he did not place much importance on development in the area.

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