

Barisan forms new squad to woo Generation-Y
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KUALA LUMPUR: The Barisan Nasional has launched a new squad of campaigners aimed at wooing Generation-Y (Gen Y).

Comprising volunteers, the "We are Here" squad will criss cross the country in a dedicated mobile truck ahead and during the 13th general election.

Barisan Nasional secretary-general Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor said that the squad would play a vital role in explaining the Barisan's policies and counter allegations made by the Opposition.

"The Opposition has made various attempts to play with youth's emotion and to create anger towards the Government. This is part of our efforts to explain our policies," he said after launching the BN squad themed *Rakyat Bersatu, Negara Maju* at Putra World Trade Centre yesterday.

The mobile election truck, equipped with a stage, will travel around the country, beginning in Ipoh next week, and will feature music performances, competitions as well as meet-and-greet session with various Barisan leaders.

He also noted that some 1,000 youths had joined the squad.

He also refuted allegations that Barisan had lost the support of the younger generation especially those who were active in cyberspace.

"Many people have the perception that the youth supported the Opposition as they (Opposition blogs and portals) have higher hits compared to the mainstream media.

"However, it does not necessarily mean that the popularity the Opposition enjoys would translate into votes," he said.

Tengku Adnan, who is the Putrajaya MP, also questioned the validity of the Merdeka Centre survey that showed that the popularity rating of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak had slightly declined since December last year.

"We must first look at the samples of the survey before coming up with any conclusion. I do not think it reflects the view of the public in general," he said.

It was reported that support for the Prime Minister had slid to 61% from 63% in December last year, according to the Merdeka Centre.

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