

Pakatan reveals manifesto

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SHAH ALAM: The Opposition pact has revealed its common manifesto which, among others, promises to increase the household income to at least RM4,000 within the first term of its rule.

The manifesto, announced by representatives from PKR (strategic director Rafizi Ramli), PAS (Kuala Selangor MP Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad) and DAP (Ipoh Barat MP M. Kulasegaran), also pledges to stop two controversial projects, the Lynas rare earth plant in Gebeng, Kuantan, and the Automated Enforcement System to book traffic offenders.

"The manifesto has been ready for almost two years," Rafizi told a press conference to reveal the parties' joint election manifesto at the 4th Pakatan Rakyat Convention here yesterday.

Other promises offered in the manifesto include gradual abolishing of highway toll, free education for all, the setting up of an anti-monopoly commission and a public contracts commission.

The parties also promised to lower fuel, water and electricity tariffs.

The manifesto said the three-party alliance, if it comes to power, will also give taxi permits directly to taxi drivers and introduce a corruption-elimination policy for the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission and free the MACC from political control.

Similarly, the judiciary, the Attorney-General's Chambers and the police would also be "freed" of political control, the manifesto pledged.

The coalition said it would increase the minimum wage level to RM1,100 per month and start a RM2bil minimum wage implementation fund to help small and medium industries adjust to the policy.

PKR deputy president Azmin Ali said: "We have reached a consensus on common policies. Pakatan is ready to go to Putrajaya."

PAS deputy president Mohamad Sabu said it was a good manifesto but had to be implemented well to prevent leakages.

Bukit Bendera MP Liew Chin Tong said the manifesto showed that Pakatan was prepared to manage the economy differently from the current federal government.

Klang MP Charles Santiago said the manifesto focused on more equitable distribution of wealth.

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