

PR's Campaigns Lack 'Fire', Interest
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KLANG, April 26 (Bernama) -- The opposition's campaigns at a number of areas here lacked the fire and interest to attract the crowd, as compared to those organised by the Barisan Nasional (BN).

A random survey by Bernama found that more people were drawn to the BN's campaigns which were filled with various activities.

For instance, more than 2,000 people turned up at the residence of Kota Raja BN candidate Datuk S. Murugesan in Taman Sentosa, Seri Andalas Thursday, in contrast to the 50 who attended the campaign of a Pakatan Rakyat (PR) candidate at another constituency.

The strategies used by the two candidates were also different, with the PR contender using a one-tonne lorry as his platform while the BN challenger utilised a makeshift stage and erected a camp for his listeners' comfort.

An ICT specialist, Steven Loh, 36, who had been following both parties' campaigns since nomination day observed that the public seemed more inclined to attend talks organised by the BN.

"They (PR) say the talk is at 8pm, but because not many people came, they (speakers) did not start on time. Last night, I attended a BN talk and there were so many people, even the seats were not enough," he said.

Vellusamy, 67, said he attended a PR talk held opposite his house, just to kill time.

"I was bored sitting at home and watching television so I went there. But there were not many people, compared to the last time (2008). I guess people don't support Pakatan anymore, but Najib and BN," he said.

Abdul Ghani Raub, 63, said the BN's campaigns were more creative and informative compared to those of the PR, which were more bent on condemning and criticising the BN government.

"In the BN's talks, they (leaders) explained about development and the 'Akujanji' (I pledge) for Selangor and the country," he said.

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