

**Senate President Calls On Public Not To Be Obsessed, Emotional During GE13**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 26 (Bernama) -- Senate President Tan Sri Abu Zahar Ujang today advised the public not to be too obsessed and emotional in showing their supports to their chosen parties to the extent of causing chaos and jeopardising public order during the 13th general election (GE13) scheduled for May 5.

He said the public needed to be rational and wise in making their decisions on which parties should form the government and in ensuring that democracy would persist in Malaysia.

"In politics, we need to be mature, we must know our responsibilities. This is not about an individual or a group, but about choosing the government that can ensure the country's security and economic growth, which we have enjoyed for the past 50 years, will remain stable," he told reporters after taking his oath of office before Senate deputy president Senator Doris Sophia Brodi here today.

Abu Zahar was reappointed as the member of the Senate for the second term effective Friday.

He said the GE13 was not a platform to create chaos and commotions because the people could simply show their every dissatisfactions through the ballot papers.

"Don't blame the police when they take action. They are just doing their job to maintain public order. This involves the country's image because the democracy in our country is being watched by other countries," he said.

On the many constituencies that will see more than a three-corner fight, Abu Zahar said it proved that the democracy in Malaysia was properly being practiced.

"As a country which practices parliamentary democracy and constitutional monarchy, I can see that the election process is running smoothly and as the people who love the country, it is our responsibilities to ensure that it will be maintained, without making any compromise on those who try to shake it," he said.

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