

In Kampung Baru, PAS attacked as DAP's ally in 'destroying Malay rights'
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 29 – PAS is fighting to retain support in the city's historic Malay village Kampung Baru in Election 2013 as its ally DAP is accused of curtailing the community's special rights.

PAS candidate for the Titiwangsa federal seat Ahmad Zamri Asa'ad Khuzaimi said that pamphlets, which attack PAS for partnering the DAP, were found this morning in the Malay enclave, just six days before polling day on Sunday.

"Umno is playing very dirty politics," Ahmad Zamri told The Malaysian Insider at his service centre in Kampung Baru here today.

One of the pamphlets accuses the DAP of insulting the Perak monarchy and features a picture of DAP veteran Lim Kit Siang with the words "Hapuskan hak Melayu" (Destroy Malay rights), as well as a picture of the DAP's Rocket logo puncturing the middle of the PAS moon symbol with blood dripping, accompanied with the words: "Inilah DAP sobat sejati PAS (This is DAP, a true friend of PAS).

Another pamphlet features the faces of PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang, PKR de facto leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and Lim, and states that under a PR government, all religious groups will be able to call their god "Allah", Islam will no longer be the country's official religion, the monarchy will be abolished, government agencies like MARA, FELDA, FELCRA and RISDA will be dismantled, and that there won't be Malay soldiers or police officers any more.

While the pamphlets raise emotive issues among the Malays like the "Allah" issue and their special rights, the MCA has played up religious sentiments among the Chinese instead by alleging that PAS will implement hudud law under a PR government.

Ahmad Zamri is contesting in Titiwangsa against Barisan Nasional (BN) candidate Datuk Johari Abdul Ghani, a seat that the late PAS' Dr Lo' Lo' Mohd Ghazali had won in Election 2008 with a 1,972-vote majority.

Malays make up the majority of Titiwangsa's 55,388 voters at 68 per cent, while the Chinese and Indians comprise 20 per cent and 10 per cent respectively.

Ahmad Zamri expressed confidence today that PAS would win more support in the 13th general election than in 2008, noting that 30 per cent of the Titiwangsa electorate are young voters aged 40 years and below.

The 38-year-old lawyer also stressed that the controversial Kampung Baru Development Corporation Act 2011 would be reviewed if PR won federal power.

"If we're in the government, we have to review this Act and call the people," said Ahmad Zamri.

Landowners and heirs of Kampung Baru are worried about losing their 111-year-old land amid the government's plans to develop the settlement located on prime real estate, under

the shadow of the iconic Petronas Twin Towers.

“There is a lot of anxiety because the method of redevelopment was never tabled properly. There was no explanation of the method of redevelopment, whether the land can be acquired, if they need to move, and if so, where and how long. They were not properly informed,” said Ahmad Zamri.

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