

Ijok Residents Confident With Najib's Transformation Team
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KUALA SELANGOR, May 2 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak's selection of a dynamic transformation Barisan Nasional (BN) team in Selangor has given Ijok residents the confidence to return the state seat back to BN in the 13th general election (GE13) this Sunday.

The residents who were disappointed with the leadership of Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim for failing to resolve various problems in the area, have full confidence with BN candidates in shouldering the responsibility of an elected representative and fulfilling the promises of the election manifesto.

Most voters interviewed in Ijok said they felt cheated by the opposition coalition's promises in 2008 including changing the face of Ijok comparable to Shah Alam by improving roads and providing more employment opportunities with the establishment of industries.

They said they had now opened their eyes, ears and minds throughout this campaign period and would not be fooled by the opposition again.

The confidence and support for BN was evident when Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak visited Sekolah Rendah Jenis Kebangsaan Tamil Bestari Jaya recently where he gave his assurance to look after the interest and welfare of the people here under BN's leadership.

Najib who is no stranger to Ijok and Bestari Jaya residents as he had camped in the area for almost a month during the Ijok by-election in 2007, promised to resolve problems of public transport for the people to travel between Kuala Selangor, Bestari Jaya and Tanjong Karang.

Najib also announced assistance to fund the construction of a hall for SRJK (T) Bestari Jaya which has 700 pupils and 60 teachers, apart from settling the issue of residents living on Keretapi Tanah Melayu Berhad (KTMB) reserve land in Bukit Badong.

For the Kuala Selangor parliamentary constituency, Najib, as Selangor BN chairman, made additional promises to cover the construction of a hospital in Puncak Alam and 2,000 affordable houses in Kuala Selangor.

The continuous development for the people of Kuala Selangor including Ijok will only become reality if the BN is given the mandate by the people in Selangor to rule the state in GE13.

A Bernama survey found the people have high hopes and confidence in the transformation programmes brought about by Najib.

Muhammed Azmat Ali, 39, said the BN team is credible compared to PR as Najib had proven his capability since taking over the country's administration in 2009.

"We see the Prime Minister has done a lot of work. He will fulfill what have been promised. Furthermore, we know he will observe and monitor BN candidates on whether they are working or not after the victory," he said.

A. Karunakaran, 82, said Najib's additional promises to build a hospital in Puncak Alam proved his concern for the residents of Kuala Selangor.

Lim Che An, 60, said the people could also complain to Najib if the chosen BN candidate failed to perform unlike the PR candidate who answered to no one.

Ijok residents also see the decision of Abdul Khalid in leaving Ijok for Port Klang as being afraid of getting rejected by the people who were disappointed with his service in the last five years.

Thumi Jawi Mustam, 78, said the last time Abdul Khalid visited Kg Rantau Panjang resided by 40 hardcore poor families was during the 12th general election when he promised a 10 per cent royalty for the villagers from the profits of sand mining in Sungai Selangor.

Unfortunately, he not only never set foot in the village again, he also ignored the claims for assistance by the villagers.

In GE13, the BN candidate for Ijok, K.R. Parthiban, will be facing Idris Ahmad of PKR in a straight fight.

Ijok has about 19,000 voters, 49 per cent Malays, 35 per cent Indians, 16 per cent Chinese and others.

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