

Selangor Government More Concerned With Politicking Than Resolving Hardship
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BANGI, May 4 (Bernama) -- In their five years of governing Selangor, the Pakatan Rakyat (PR) had been more concerned with politicking than resolving the hardships faced by the people, according to a political analyst.

Associate Prof Datuk Dr Samsu Adabi Mamat also noted that up to this day as the 13th general election approaches, the PR had not fulfilled the promises they made in their 2008 election manifesto.

"We should not just look at the water problem but other issues as well that the Selangor government had failed to resolve. In this water problem for instance, they proposed to build a water reservoir using rain water collection technology. But have they carried this out besides the other innovative solutions they had announced?" he posed in an interview with Bernama.

Dr Samsu Adabi from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia said since the PR took over Selangor, there existed a political culture aimed at gaining power which, once attained would set aside the people's interest.

"It is a trademark of the opposition in our country; because of their overpowering desire to take Putrajaya, they will use every advantage they have to win.

"Such tendency is detrimental to the country, particularly if the water dilemma remained unresolved while they concern themselves mainly with the politics of it," he said.

Dr Samsu Adabi in the interview cited many other failures of the PR-led Selangor government, as found in a study carried out by the university.

"So they still have a lot to learn before they can say as in their previous campaigns, that they were more capable of leading the government than the BN," he said.

On the PR's fulfillment of their 2008 manifesto pledges, Dr Samsu Adabi cited the 14 days' paternity leave accorded to employees.

"As at 2011, only one person had benefited from it; one person in four years, could that be considered fulfilled? Similarly, only 30 women had been accorded the 90 days' maternity leave. Considering that almost 50 percent of the population in Selangor comprised women, why is it that only 30 benefited?"

"If they cannot even implement at this small a level in five years, imagine how they would do on a bigger level," he said.

On the PR's pledge to issue water utility industry stock shares to the Selangor population, he said it was no more than an election campaign strategy to veer from the bigger issue of resolving the water supply and suspended Langat 2 water treatment plant dilemma, which if allowed to persist would plunge Selangor, Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya into a water crisis.

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