

BN Loss In Selangor Due To Decline In Chinese Support
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SHAH ALAM, May 11 (Bernama) -- The Selangor Barisan Nasional (BN) loss in the 13th general election (GE13) last Sunday was due to the decline in the support for BN from the Chinese community in the state, especially the young voters in urban areas, Selangor BN election deputy director Datuk Seri Mohd Zin Mohamed said.

He said this was also the results of the negative campaign strategy played by the opposition, that is by accusing that the 13th polls were not clean and involved phantom voters from Bangladesh.

BN's strategy for the GE13, however, was to gain 60 per cent support from the Malays, Chinese (30 per cent) and Indians (60 per cent) from the 2.04 million registered voters in the state, he told a press conference here Saturday.

Although the support from the Malays in Selangor had increased to between 65 and 75 per cent, the targets for support from the Chinese and the Indians were not achieved.

"What's more shocking is the rejection and the decline in the support from the Chinese community were too obvious as we only managed to achieve between five to 15 per cent from the actual target," he said.

Overall, Mohd Zin said the support from the Indian community was only around 40 per cent and this made it difficult for BN to reduce the impact of the decline in the support from the Chinese community.

In the May 5 polls, BN only managed to secure 12 out of 56 state seats and only five out of 22 parliamentary seats in Selangor.

On the issue concerning the appointment of the next Selangor Menteri Besar, Mohd Zin said:

"I regret that until today there is no formation of the Selangor state government. At least tell the people what is the way forward, instead of fighting about who's going to be the Menteri Besar of Selangor, which has come out in the open and this situation is not good for the people."

On who should be the opposition leader in the Selangor State Legislative Assembly, Mohd Zin said he had instructed all 12 BN assemblymen to discuss the matter.

"We should not abandon the people of Selangor. We accepted the defeat, we have learned all the expensive and bitter lessons and I can sense that they are more eager to come back and fight because they feel they have been robbed of victory by the sheer lies and allegations made by the opposition, especially DAP, zeroed in to the young Chinese voters," he added.

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