

**Pakatan's popular vote a myth, says Zul Noordin**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, May 27 — Perkasa's Datuk Zulkifli Noordin moved to debunk as myth Pakatan Rakyat's (PR) claim that it won the popular vote in the May 5 polls, saying the three opposition parties were a loose pact that had contested separately with their own logos, and in some seats, among themselves.

In an opinion piece titled "Mitos undi popular PRU-13 [The myth of the popular vote in GE13]" published today in Umno-owned Utusan Malaysia, the vice-president of the right-wing Malay group accused PKR's de facto chief Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim of lying and having twisted the facts in an attempt to hoodwink Malaysian voters into believing the unregistered PR opposition had beat the ruling Barisan Nasional (BN) to gain the popular vote.

"Anwar's allegation that the total votes obtained by the DAP-PKR-PAS alliance of 5,623,984 (or 49.96 per cent), 386,285 votes more than the BN (which obtained 5,237,699 or 46.53 per cent) is a lie and a distortion because," he wrote, adding, "DAP-PKR-PAS contested separately using their own symbols on the ballot paper which is the rocket (DAP)-moon (PAS)-one eye (PKR); there absolutely was not a joint opposition symbol."

Zulkifli (picture), a former lawmaker who had run for the Shah Alam federal seat as a BN-friendly candidate only to lose in the recent election, also gave two other points to reinforce his hard-hitting remark that PR's win of the popular vote was a myth.

He pointed out that there were certain constituencies where the three parties had overlapped in fielding their own candidates, naming as examples Sg Aceh, Penang and Kota Damansara, Selangor.

PKR's Badrul Hisham Shaharin had gone against his PAS ally, Mohamad Yusni Md. Piah in the Penang state seat while socialist Dr Nasir Hashim run on a PKR ticket against PAS's Ridzuan Ismail in a crowded field of six candidates for the Selangor state seat. All four had ended up losers in the contest for the two seats.

Zulkifli also highlighted that the PR could not claim victory in the popular vote as their alliance was not registered with the Registrar of Societies and as such, "did not even exist" in the 13th general election.

Even going by Anwar's "twisted" logic, Zulkifli said the BN would have won the popular vote since it gained 46.53 per cent and would still have netted 103 seats overall, which was still the majority number in the 222-member Dewan Rakyat compared to all the three opposition parties. The BN had in fact claimed 133 seats.

To drive home his point that Anwar's logic was flawed, he said the DAP with its 15.42 per cent would have taken 34 seats and not the 38 it actually hauled in, the most of the three opposition parties.

Instead, he highlighted that Anwar's PKR that had scored the second-highest number of popular votes at 20.03 per cent, should then have got 45 per seats instead of the 30 seats it actually won while the PAS that drew 14.51 per cent of the popular vote would have got

32 seats instead of 21.

PR has blamed alleged electoral fraud for not becoming government although it won the popular vote in Election 2013. It won 89 federal seats against the ruling Barisan Nasional (BN) which took 133 seats in the 222-seat parliament.

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