

GE13: Indians are supporting Zulkifli Noordin, says Najib
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SHAH ALAM: The Pakatan Rakyat state government has shown more disrespect to Hindus than Datuk Zulkifli Noordin, said Barisan Nasional chief Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

While Zulkifli had uttered racist remarks a decade ago, Najib noted the Selangor government had demolished seven temples in its five-year reign.

"The Selangor government destroyed seven temples, including a private altar. Isn't that more of a slap to the Hindu community than what Zulkifli said 10 years ago when he was in PAS?"

"It is a thousand times worse than what Zulkifli had done," he said. Najib was asked on Barisan Nasional's rationale for fielding Zulkifli in Shah Alam, despite the fact that he had mocked Hindu deities.

Zulkifli is the first candidate to contest for Barisan Nasional under the "Friends of Barisan" banner.

"That is history. He has already apologised. I've spoken to a number of Indians and they are supporting him," said Najib.

On the defection of former Umno vice-president and Selangor Mentri Besar Tan Sri Muhammad Taib to PAS, Najib said: "It is a non-issue as we expected it".

On former Wanita Umno deputy chief Datuk Kamalia Ibrahim, who insisted that she was not offered a seat to contest by Umno, Najib maintained that she was offered the Bukit Chandan seat.

"Ask the (Perak) Mentri Besar (Datuk Seri Zambry Kadir). Ask (Umno deputy chairman) Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and (Umno secretary-general) Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor. We offered her Bukit Chandan," he said.

Najib was speaking to reporters after visiting for parliamentary constituencies in Selangor - Selayang, Gombak, Kota Raja and Shah Alam. He later visited the Subang parliamentary constituency.

"The situation in all constituencies were very positive," he said. "With each passing day, the people are becoming more confident with Barisan," he said, adding that the reverse was happening to the Opposition.

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