

Shabery Reminds Voters Against Being Swayed By PAS Campaign
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KUALA BESUT, July 14 (Bernama) -- Communication and Multimedia Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Shabery Cheek today reminded the voters of Kuala Besut against being influenced by the PAS campaign which seemed to want disability in Terengganu after the by-election on July 24.

He said disability would bring no benefit to the people in Terengganu which had seen much development brought by the federal and state governments since 2004.

"Besides the federal government, the state government has continued to implement development. The era of the PAS government (1999-2004) was a black mark in the history of Terengganu," he told reporters after a visit to the media centre set up for the Kuala Besut state by-election, in Kuala Besut.

PAS has been using the '16-16' slogan to emphasise that victory in the by-election for the party would result in a hung state assembly with 16 seats for the Barisan Nasional (BN) and 16 for the opposition Pakatan Rakyat.

Asked whether the opposition election campaign would be covered by the government media, Ahmad Shabery said media such as Radio Televisyen Malaysia (RTM) were empowered to make professional judgements based on the news.

He said RTM broadcast live the debates in the Dewan Rakyat, whereby the opposition MPs also got coverage.

Meanwhile, he said the Information Department would ensure that all journalists covering the Kuala Besut by-election were given the best facilities at the media centre, including high-speed Internet service.

The media centre would enable the journalists to send their reports on the by-election fast, he said.

It is estimated that 500 journalists would be covering the by-election, necessitated by the death of assemblyman Dr A. Rahman Mokhtar of the BN on June 26.

The by-election is a straight fight between Tengku Zaihan Che Ku Abd Rahman of the BN and Endot alias Azlan Yusof of PAS.

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