

**BN Candidate Yet To Taste Grilled Fish And 'Ayam Percik' Cooked By Wife**  
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KUALA BESUT, July 17 (Bernama) -- Grilled fish and 'ayam percik' dish prepared by his wife are the favourite of Barisan Nasional (BN) candidate for the Kuala Besut by-election Tengku Zaihan Che Ku Abd Rahman during Ramadan.

But this time around he has yet to enjoy them because he is busy campaigning in the by-election polling of which is on July 24.

His wife, Siti Salbiah Osman, 34, said like other families, they broke the fast together but had not been able to do so yet because her husband was busy fulfilling the campaign schedule.

"Nevertheless, the situation is understood by our children and has been explained to them the moment their father was picked as a candidate.

"We had to tell the children as we were afraid they might not understand. We had to win them over, as they are kids. But thankfully they could accept the situation," she said when met by Bernama.

The couple has four children. They were Tengku Zawani Afifi, 10, Tengku Zawati Afini, eight, Tengku Muhammad Zarif Fikri, six, and Tengku Zahirah Ilyani, four.

Siti Salbiah said her husband's tight schedule did not affect their family relationship at all which in fact became stronger and firmer through undivided support and aid.

Adhering to the adage that behind the success of a man is a woman, the teacher at Sekolah Kebangsaan Kuala Besut 2 also showed support by accompanying her husband in his campaigns.

"I understand the challenges he is facing in convincing voters to accept BN.

It is not an easy task but with the cooperation and support of all, God willing, we can make it a success," said Siti Salbiah who took leave to help her husband.

She also said the high fighting spirit among family members especially her father-in-law Che Ku Abd Rahman Che Ku Abdullah also helped their campaign in introducing her husband to the surrounding communities.

Che Ku Abd Rahman is a politician, religious teacher, ex-fisherman's association chairman and active Islamic medicine practitioner.

It is reported that about 3,000 to 4,000 family members of the candidate live in the area including Pulau Perhentian and this is among the factors which could be a factor in a victory for Tengku Zaihan.

Tengku Zaihan, 37, a local, faces PAS candidate Azlan Jusoh, 48, a businessman.

Kuala Besut has 17,683 voters. The by-election is being held following the death of incumbent Dr A Rahman Mokhtar of BN on June 26 from lung cancer.

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