

Bung Mokhtar issues ultimatum to Putrajaya
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"Develop my constituency within five years or I quit!" - this was the ultimatum issued by Kinabatangan MP Datuk Bung Mokhtar Radin to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak. The firebrand politician said his voters had told him to ensure that the government allocated enough money to build roads.

"Frankly, I am worried if we are not allocated sufficient funds. Maybe they might not vote for me or for BN again," the 53-year-old Bung Mokhtar told the Star Online.

"I myself have decided that if the government doesn't give my constituents good roads, I will not contest any more," said the fourth-term MP.

"The current roads leading in and out of the villages are all laterite ones. Whenever there is a heavy downpour, the area is flooded and the roads become muddy, leaving villagers stranded for days."

Bung Mokhtar said he had forwarded his constituents' request to Putrajaya and was now waiting for a positive reply.

"My constituents are not asking for highways or mega multi-billion ringgit projects like the second Penang Bridge or the MRT. They just want small decent roads for daily use."

Bung Mokhtar said the people had responded to the government during the election and given them the mandate.

"BN's tagline is Janji Ditepati (promises fulfilled)." he said.

"So let us keep our promise to the people, let's tepatkan janji kita (fulfil our side of the bargain)," he said.

Bung Mokhtar has often made headlines for all the wrong reasons and has also been ticked off for his uncalled for remarks in Parliament.

On Wednesday, he called Air Asia X chief Azran Osman Rani a "Melayu biadap" (an uncouth Malay) and said that he did not deserve to be a citizen for criticising Utusan Malaysia.

"If Azran said that he was disgusted with Utusan Malaysia, I don't care. But threatening to cut off all business deals with them is a threat to Malays."

He was unrepentant about using the parliament space to attack Azran, claiming that the latter had used his position as the chief executive officer to blast Utusan on social media.

Bung Mokhtar also said he would not change his style of dealing with issues, especially when it concerned public interest.

"If I tried to be someone else, maybe there might not be any Kinabatangan or Bung Mokhtar.

"I will speak when I feel there is an issue that needs to be addressed, I don't care if it's against the opposition, government or individuals," he said. - July 6, 2013

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