

On the stump in Kuala Besut, Hadi tells fishermen to use the net
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Used to fishing nets and trading tales of the big fish that got away, fishermen in Kuala Besut are being told by PAS to use their idle time to access the Internet and read more to make an informed choice about the country's leadership.

PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang said IT-savvy voters had rejected the Barisan Nasional (BN) in the May 5 general election and hoped that Kuala Besut voters would do the same in the July 24 by-election.

"Kuala Besut people has to learn from the educated. Those who are IT-savvy have rejected BN, so learn from them," he told a ceramah at Kampung Nail in Kuala Besut last night.

The Marang MP said the recent general election was a good example as PAS received support from those who are IT savvy.

"We won many seats in Terengganu but here... we lose. We are not blaming the Kuala Besut people as they are busy working and do not have time to access the internet," he said.

Internet penetration in Malaysia is at 65 percent nationwide, among the highest in Southeast Asia, and pushed up by growth in the mobile internet sector.

On the PAS 16-16 agenda, Abdul Hadi said the party was not going after the menteri besar seat in Terengganu but wanted to have more power to oversee the BN leadership in governing Terengganu.

"Let them have menteri besar's seat. We just want 16 seats so we can advise them. We will support the good things. This is the only way we will have the strength to fix the BN government," he said.

PAS has an uphill task to ensure a victory in the BN stronghold of Kuala Besut as it is their ticket to a hung assembly.

BN was left with 16 seats following to the death of Kuala Besut assemblyman Dr A Rahman Mokhtar on June 26, 2013. In the recent general election BN won 17 seats while PAS took 14 and PKR 1.

In the by-election, PAS's candidate businessman Endut@Azlan Yusof is facing former engineer Tengku Zaihan Che Ku Abd Rahman from BN.

Early voting starts today for RMAF personnel in Kuala Besut. The Malaysian Insider pic by Afif Abd Halim, July 20, 2013. Early voting starts today for RMAF personnel in Kuala Besut. The Malaysian Insider pic by Afif Abd Halim, July 20, 2013. The polling day has been set on July 24 while early voters will cast their vote today at the Royal Malaysian Air Force base in Gong Kedak.

Bernama reports that a total of 1,134 military personnel and 14 members of the police are eligible to vote early today.

The early voting also witnessed those eligible to vote dabbing their left index finger in the indelible ink bottle before casting their ballot slips. This was different from the method used in the 13th General Election on May 5, where the ink was painted onto the fingernail on the left index finger. - July 20, 2013.

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