

**Do not be slaves to BN, Anwar tells Kuala Besut voters**  
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Kuala Besut voters should not enslave themselves by voting in Barisan Nasional (BN) in return for financial assistance, PKR supremo Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said last night while on the stump for this Wednesday's by-election.

Anwar told some 800 supporters at Kampung Tok Saboh last night that voters should take the opportunity this time to change the political landscape in the country by ensuring a PAS victory in the Kuala Besut by-election.

"Do not be slaves to BN over pittance. If PAS wins Kuala Besut... every state, country will focus on Terengganu. This will change the political landscape," he said.

Anwar further said Umno had to spend money to win because if they lost, it would change the political map and threaten Umno's political power in the country.

"It is not wrong to accept aid of RM500, RM200 when one is poor but it is wrong if the person becomes the slave to the ruler when they accept the assistance," he said.

Urging voters to support PAS candidate Endut@Azlan Yusof in the by-election, the Pakatan Rakyat (PR) de facto leader said it was absurd for people to say that they need to vote for BN to receive aid.

BN has thus far announced 10 projects worth RM387,490,750 since campaigning started on July 12, including a RM250 million project to deepen the estuary and build a breakwater in the Kuala Besut river.

The government had also approved a RM35 million project to fix the Lowvior Dam in Kampung Nangka which stopped working two years ago. The project will solve the paddy cultivation woes which affect about 2,000 paddy farmers in the surrounding areas.

The allocations were announced by the Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin in a meet-the-people session in Kuala Besut on Saturday.

PAS however claimed that all the projects announced was a result of its endless efforts in revealing malpractices in the government.

The Kuala Besut by-election is the first held after the 13th general election on May 5. It was called after the death of its state assemblyman Dr A. Rahman Mokhtar on June 26.

Anwar, who is also Permatang Pauh MP, said the voters can take any aid given by BN but they had to be smart before casting their votes.

He said it was not impossible for PAS to win as it had won before in Kuala Besut in 1999.

"Who said that this is Umno's area? No... PAS won in 1999. All we need is to build the strength," he said.

Also at the ceramah were PAS deputy president Mohamad Sabu, vice-president Datuk

Mahfuz Omar and Kuala Besut by-election director Datuk Husam Musa.

The by-election is between PAS candidate Azlan and BN's Tengku Zaihan Che Ku Abd Rahman. If PAS wins, it would lead to a hung state assembly but if the seat goes to BN, the ruling coalition will keep the state.

In the recent general election BN won 17 seats out of 32 seats contested while won PAS 14 and PKR 1. After the death of A. Rahman, BN was left with 16 seats.

There are 17,683 voters in Kuala Besut, with 55 percent of them being young voters. - July 22, 2013.

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