

BN Hopes Young Voters In Kajang Will Fairly Evaluate Its Achievements

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KAJANG, March 2 (Bernama) -- Barisan Nasional (BN) hopes that the young and especially new voters in Kajang will be able to fairly evaluate all the efforts of the federal government under the BN leadership in looking after their lot.

Umno information chief, Datuk Ahmad Maslan said the government had all along focused on areas of importance to the lives of the young, such as education and job opportunities, and more recently, affordable houses.

"I hope young voters understand that the education they obtained, whether at primary, secondary and higher levels, or skills training were the result of BN's initiatives.

"With the success of BN in bringing in foreign direct investments, giving us confidence until we can become managers and supervisors....and the economy grows and we have more job opportunities," he said after attending the National Economy Information (PENA) programme, here, Sunday night.

Ahmad, who is also Deputy Finance Minister, said the government also endeavoured to ensure the young could own affordable, comfortable homes so that they could enjoy a better life. Asked on the PENA programme which has been going on for a week, he said it focused on Malay-majority areas to explain to the community the choice of MCA vice-president Datin Paduka Chew Mei Fun as the BN candidate for the Kajang by-election.

He said the focus on Malay-majority areas was also to ensure the Malay voters understood the aspirations of BN in prioritising racial unity and the sharing of power.

"We want to tell the Malays in Kajang that by placing Chew here, it shows that we are fair to all the communities.

"In the last general election, Umno was given three seats, namely the Hulu Langat parliamentary seat, and Dusun Tua and Semenyih state seats. As Kajang has more non-Malay voters, what's wrong as a power-sharing government, we allow MCA to represent us?" he said.

The Kajang state seat became vacant following the controversial resignation of its incumbent assemblyman Lee Chin Cheh from PKR, on Jan 27 to make way for opposition leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim to contest the seat in a by-election.

The Election Commission has fixed March 11 for the nomination of candidates and March 23 for polling.

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