

Hishammuddin Advises Kajang Voters Against Opposition's Insincerity
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KAJANG, Feb 23 (Bernama) -- Defence minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein has advised voters in Kajang not to be taken in by the opposition's proclamations about fighting for the people.

The Umno vice president describing the opposition's sincerity to serve the people as questionable, pointed to the action by the former to blatantly vacate seats that they had won on voters' confidence.

"They did this in Permatang Pauh and now in Kajang. Why lead the people to all these trouble for no good reason?"

"People can judge whether the opposition are really sincere or otherwise. Their slogan says their struggle is for the people but here we are, wasting millions of ringgit for a by-election whereas the people had already elected their representatives in the last general election," he told reporters after a community activity and distribution of assistance to residents at Kampung Sri Jambu, Kajang here today.

The Kajang seat fell vacant when its assemblyman Lee Chin Cheh of PKR resigned on Jan 27, reportedly to allow opposition chief Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim to claim the seat.

The Election Commission has set March 11 for nomination and March 23 as the polling date.

Hishammuddin further described the opposition's action as making a mockery of the country's democratic system.

On the Kajang by-election, he said the Barisan Nasional aimed to win despite being the underdog.

"We are contesting not to cause disunity or point fingers, or plant hatred but to ensure that when a decision has been made on our side to contest, we will abide by it and go all the way," he said.

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