

## **Umno bigwigs already making their rounds in Kajang to woo voters**

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Umno is wasting no time cranking up its machinery in the run-up to the Kajang by-election, with a number of Umno bigwigs such as Wanita chief Datuk Seri Shahrizat Jalil and information chief Datuk Ahmad Maslan making their rounds in Kajang today.

Selangor Umno chief Datuk Seri Noh Omar said Shahrizat met with Wanita Umno members a few days ago to strategise their game plan for the by-election.

“We did not want to waste our time. We started gathering our resources soon after PKR Kajang assemblyman Lee Chin Cheh resigned. Our machinery is ready to help Barisan Nasional to win,” he said.

Ahmad Maslan together with the division chiefs took part in several community programmes to meet Kajang voters today, paying visits to Kajang Bt 12 and the poor in Kampung Kantan.

Many more programmes are expected to be held in the next two weeks leading to by-election.

Noh said Umno Selangor would support whoever is chosen to contest the state seat.

“It does not matter who. That person will be contesting under the Barisan Nasional ticket.

“I do not want to make unnecessary comments as too many people have already spoken about who or which party should contest in Kajang. Let the top leaders decide and Umno Selangor will give its full support,” he said.

Gerakan president Datuk Mah Siew Keong yesterday said it would be best to let MCA contest the Kajang by-election to avoid any problems in the BN coalition.

He said the Kajang seat had always been MCA’s and it would not be advisable to field a candidate from another BN component party.

Lee Chin Cheh resigned as assemblyman for Kajang on Monday and PKR confirmed the next day that its defacto leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim would contest the seat.

Anwar's candidacy heightened speculation that he is tipped to take over as Selangor menteri besar to resolve a feud between Selangor PKR and current Menteri Besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim. – February 1, 2014

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