

Only 17% are against the 'Kajang move', says Rafizi

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Only a small number of voters made up of mostly BN supporters are against the "Kajang move", a PKR survey said, dousing widespread claims by the party's critics that the majority of the electorate are against the March 23 by-election.

PKR strategic director Rafizi Ramli (pic) said a recent survey, with a sampling of 361 people, showed that 83% of the respondents were either for the by-election or were on the fence.

"The results are clear. Only 17% disagreed with the by-election and from their profile, the majority are BN hard-core supporters," he said at a press conference at PKR headquarters here.

In breaking down the 83% of voters, Rafizi said 26% of the respondents were either supportive of the move or felt indifferent, 21% were curious about the candidate while another 10% do not know or would not disclose their preferences.

The same poll also noted the top three concerns of the Kajang electorate were crime and security, traffic congestion and waste management and cleanliness.

"From the survey, the dominant concerns of the people are local issues rather than politics," Rafizi said.

He defended the small sampling size, saying that a larger sampling would have yielded similar results, with a 5% margin of error.

PKR de facto leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, who is going to stand in the urban mixed seat, said he would find the best solution to resolve the local issues.

At the same time, he pledged that he would not ignore national issues, such as the rising cost of living and creating more job opportunities.

The Kajang by-election was triggered by the resignation of PKR's first-term assemblyman Lee Chin Cheh.

The Election Commission has set March 11 for nominations, while polling is on March 23. PKR's rival, the ruling Barisan Nasional candidate, has yet to name its candidate although it has been heavily speculated that Datin Chew Mei Fun from BN's senior partner MCA is expected to stand there. – February 18, 2014.

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