

Pakatan Rakyat victory will spell end of Barisan, says Anwar
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A Pakatan Rakyat victory in the Kajang by-election scheduled is important to end the legacy of Umno and Barisan Nasional, says opposition leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

The de facto PKR leader, who is also the PR candidate in the by-election, said a victory on March 23 would answer all the doubts and questions raised by various quarters over his candidacy.

"If Selangor really succeeds and develops, provides the people with good services – that would be the perfect riposte to all the Pakatan critics and doubters.

"It will be a sign that the history of BN and Umno in Malaysia is coming to an end," Anwar said.

Addressing about 300 supporters and residents in Sungai Sekamat, Kajang, last night, Anwar said nomination day was a long way away but the attacks against him had begun.

"Campaigning has not started, but I am insulted and assaulted daily," he told the crowd.

Even former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has waded into the fray, expressing his fears if Anwar is appointed the Selangor menteri besar.

Dr Mahathir has cast doubts on Anwar's suitability as a leader, claiming that the Permatang Pauh MP had formed PKR to realise his ambition of becoming prime minister.

"Anwar is adaptable and capable of changing his colours to suit the circumstance," Dr Mahathir said, referring to the former's speech at a church last weekend.

However, Anwar said it was because of this attitude and honesty PKR supporters were still steadfastly supporting him despite the various obstacles that he had faced in his political career.

"Integrity and honesty is important. I retain the support of the people despite being insulted, mocked and jailed because the public feels I am a man of my word.

"Kelantan is not a rich state but the rakyat adore former menteri besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat," Anwar said.

"The people know that Nik Abdul Aziz does not use his position to enrich his family members nor did he take a single state share."

Anwar took a swipe at Dr Mahathir and wondered how his son had become a billionaire if he did not abuse his position.

Business magazine Malaysian Business yesterday reported that Datuk Mokhzani Mahathir was listed among the top 10 richest individuals in Malaysia.

Mokhzani was listed ninth on the list with a total wealth of RM4.22 billion. He rose four spots compared with last year through his company, Sapura Kencana Petroleum.

Last year, Mokhzani had been ranked 13th with a total wealth of RM2.63 million, according to Malaysian Business.

Anwar praised the voters in Kajang for being more Internet-savvy compared with the voters in his Permatang Pauh constituency.

"Kajang's unique trait is due to the strong Internet penetration in the area. Kajang residents follow more news on the Internet compared with mainstream television and newspapers." – February 20, 2014.

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