

Balingian: Big Win Reflects Recognition Of Najib, New CM Leadership
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MUKAH, March 29 (Bernama) -- The big win by Barisan Nasional (BN) in the Balingian by-election is recognition of the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and new Sarawak Chief Minister Tan Sri Adenan Satem, said Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin here tonight.

He said the victory indicated that the people in the state constituency of Balingian wanted BN to continue determining their fate.

"(The win) is a strong positive sign of the hope of the people in Balingian and a sign of support by Sarawakians for Barisan Nasional," he said after the announcement of the Balingian by-election results at Dewan Suarah Mesra Mukah here.

In the by-election, BN candidate Yussibnosh Balo defeated PKR's Abdul Jalil Bujang with a 6,911 vote majority.

Yussibnosh, 48, polled 8,194 votes while Abdul Jalil, 55, obtained 1,283 votes.

Muhyiddin said the win was significant as BN succeeded in garnering the largest majority in the constituency as compared to its wins in past elections.

In the last state election, BN, through former Sarawak chief minister and present Yang Dipertua Negeri, Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud obtained a majority of 5,154 votes.

According to Muhyiddin, the win is a major trust placed on the BN government and he assured all pledges made during the Balingian by-election would be fulfilled.

Meanwhile, Adenan said BN's victory in all 21 voting districts in Balingian, including Chinese majority areas showed wider acceptance by the people.

"The Chinese community has spoken. We use to lose in Mukah town (area) and this time, it is a turn-around.

"We have not only increased the majority but we won in the town area for the first time," he said.

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