

New Balingian Assemblyman Pledges To Fulfil Election Promises

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KUCHING, April 4 (Bernama) -- The newly elected representative of the Balingian state constituency, Yussibnosh Balo, has promised to fulfil all the pledges he made during last month's by-election.

"I will first return to my constituency and thank the voters for their support," he told Bernama after taking oath as the Balingian assemblyman before State Legislative Speaker Datuk Amar Mohd Asfia Awang Nassar at the State Legislative Assembly Complex here Friday.

He said he will compile all their requests during the election campaign and prioritise them.

"My priorities are education, infrastructure and communication," he said.

He said better education facilities would be an urgent matter, as Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin had pledged RM79 million to build Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Balingian and rebuild Sekolah Kebangsaan Kampung Tellian in Mukah, during his campaign rounds.

During the campaign, Works Minister Datuk Fadillah Yusof had also said that over RM660 million worth of projects were approved in the Mukah parliamentary constituency over the past three years, which included the Balingian and Dalat state seat, he added.

Fadillah further noted that RM216.68 million had been spent on road projects spanning 944.29 kilometres including link roads and bridges, with another RM122.43 million for the supply of clean water, said Yussibnosh.

Piped water has now reached nearly 60,000 people while another 2,000 have access to alternative supply, he said.

Other projects carried out include RM60 million to provide electricity to 285 communities, longhouses and villages; RM48 million in educational funds; RM35 million for poverty eradication and RM180 million for agricultural assistance.

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