

BN's Victory in Teluk Intan Due to Support of All Races – Ahmad Maslan
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MELAKA, June 1 (Bernama) -- The support of all races was the main factor for the victory of Barisan Nasional (BN) candidate Datuk Mah Siew Keong in the Teluk Intan by-election yesterday, said Deputy Finance Minister Datuk Ahmad Maslan.

"BN's win was not due to the support of any particular race but votes from all races, we cannot win based on the support of one community alone," he told reporters after witnessing a Goods and Services Tax briefing session for community heads (penghulus and pegawai) at the Melaka International Trade Centre here Sunday.

He said the voters also knew it was only the BN that could bring about the changes they wanted in the parliamentary constituency.

Ahmad, who is also Umno information chief, said the DAP should also accept the fact they had failed in their game plan by fielding a Malay candidate.

"The Malays knew about this game plan by the DAP because before this they had never fielded a Malay candidate in a Chinese majority constituency," he said. Mah, 53, who is also Gerakan president, polled 20,157 votes to defeat DAP candidate Dyana Sofya Mohd Daud, 27, who obtained 19,919 votes, by a majority 238 votes in the by-election.

Later when attending a job carnival in Pontian, Ahmad said he hoped Mah would work hard to win over more voters in Teluk Intan so that the BN could secure a victory by a majority of more than 10,000 votes there in the next general election as the coalition had done before.

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