

Rompin voters told: Show your disapproval of Najib
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Shahbudin Husin, who makes the call, also satirises the PM's alleged inability to pay for his daughter's wedding reception.

PETALING JAYA: Voters in Rompin have been urged to show their disapproval of Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak's administration when they cast their ballots in tomorrow's by-election.

The call is made by political analyst Shahbudin Husin, an Umno member whose blog is widely followed by Malay readers.

He acknowledges that it will be hard for PAS to win in the Umno stronghold, but he appeals to voters to at least reduce BN's majority to reflect the nation's unhappiness with Najib over several issues, especially the imposition of the Goods and Services Tax (GST).

He reminds his readers that the government gave an assurance that GST would result in a reduction in the cost of living because the rate is lower than the 10% charged under the Sales and Service Tax, which it was meant to replace.

"That has turned out to be false propaganda," he says. "Nearly all items have risen in price. Even teh tarik has gone up by 10 sen in most restaurants, and that is before applying GST.

"Even more painful is the failure of the government to settle the issue of GST charges on prepaid phone credits, something so widely used by youths, housewives and those in the lower income bracket. It shows how weak the government is."

Because of this, he says, the Rompin by-election holds a special relevance not only to the voters themselves, but to the whole nation.

"Perhaps it is unrealistic to expect PAS to win," he says. "BN scored a rather big majority in the constituency in the 2013 general election.

"However, a message of disaffection must be sent to the government by a little reduction in the votes given to BN. It is important for voters to let the government know how real their suffering is. They must give the message that they are unhappy with the GST, with the government's profligacy, with its weakness and with its inability to answer questions about 1MDB and the Altantuya murder.

"If there is no such message, Najib and his administration will assume it has the people's support in all that it does, including spending money extravagantly, such as in the purchase of an executive jet."

In an earlier posting, Shahbudin, with his tongue in his cheek, comments on the recent explanation by a Najib aide that the cost incurred in celebrating the wedding of the Prime Minister's daughter was borne by the groom's family.

“A big portion of the Malaysian population must now not only apologise to the Prime Minister and his wife, but must sympathise with them,” he says. “It’s now clear that allegations about their wealth are untrue, false and nothing but slander.

“It has turned out that Najib and Rosmah could even be poorer than a lot of BR1M recipients. They can’t even afford a reception for their new son-in-law.

“To any normal couple, receiving a new in-law would be one of their happiest moments. Many would go to the extent of incurring debts to celebrate it.

“But it’s different with Najib and Rosmah. Not only was the celebration on the bride’s side financed by the groom’s family, the delegation to the reception in Kazakhstan was also fully sponsored by the kind groom. This has to be because the bride’s family cannot afford the expense.

“Rare indeed can we find a bride’s parents who would sacrifice their dignity in such a manner as to risk having the groom using his generosity as a clout against their daughter should there be marital friction in the future.

“Pity Najib and Rosmah for all the slanders thrown at them by day and by night. Many citizens, including Dr Mahathir Mohamad, have sinned against them.

“Ouch! Is there time for us to repent?”

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