

## **PM Congratulates BN Candidate On Victory In Rompin By-Election**

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KUALA LUMPUR, May 5 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak has congratulated Barisan Nasional (BN) candidate Datuk Hasan Arifin on the BN's success in retaining the Rompin parliamentary seat in the by-election today.

'Congratulations to Datuk Hasan Arifin on his victory in the Rompin by-election. Hidup Barisan Nasional!," said Najib, who is also BN chairman, on his Twitter site.

BN retained the seat with a 8,895-vote majority.

Hasan, 62, obtained 23,796 votes compared to PAS candidate, Nazri Ahmad, 40, who garnered 14,901 votes.

The Rompin by-election was held following the death of incumbent Tan Sri Dr Jamaluddin Jarjis in a helicopter crash in Semenyih, Selangor on April 4.

In the 13th general election, Jamaluddin retained the seat which he held for almost six terms, by defeating former PAS Dewan Muslimat chief Nuridah Mohd Salleh with a 15,114-vote majority.

In his Facebook account, Najib said although the majority was lower than in the 13th General Election, the BN would heed the lessons from it to work even harder in future.

He also expressed confidence that Hasan would serve with dedication to bring about progress and development in Rompin.

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