

PAS vice-president deplores 'scare tactics' at Umno annual assembly

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PAS is ready to replace Umno to save the nation as well as the people, says PAS vice-president Idris Ahmad.

KUALA LUMPUR, PAS vice-president Idris Ahmad has responded cynically to the speech given by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak at the 2015 Umno General Assembly in front of 2,654 delegates from 191 Umno divisions.

“Decisions made by the Umno Supreme Council to not allow the deputy president to officiate at any of the Umno wing meetings and lately only allow the president to give his concluding speech at the end of the assembly are not really ‘normal’ occasions.

“Every year, the ‘Hidup Melayu’ cries echo at the Umno assembly. The scare tactics used against delegates and observers, as if Malays will lose power if Umno is defeated, have become a habit,” he said in a statement today.

Idris said Malays would continue to be used as collateral in order for Umno to maintain power and this was a scripted message repeated annually.

“They know that Malays are emotional to the point that they do not realise who has caused them their political and economic power.

“If it is the responsibility of Umno since independence, then Malays should no longer be marginalised.

“But despite the formation of numerous agencies to support Malays, it has still not been enough.

“This is despite having Fama, Felda, Felcra, Lembaga Kemajuan Nelayan and Tekun, all of them supported by the government.”

He said that the failure was due to untrustworthy people.

“Projects were granted not because of merit, but because of the party. How many Malay lands have been taken over by others, all because Umno leaders were close to the authorities?”

He alleged that petroleum royalties were denied to Kelantan and there was discrimination in the distribution of fertilizers and subsidies.

“All of these were done by the people of the same race, those who hailed ‘Hidup Melayu’ today.

“InsyaAllah, PAS is ready to replace Umno to save the nation as well as the people.”

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