

Show Appreciation for Best of Government Services, Zahid Tells Urban Folk
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SIBU, April 22 (Bernama) -- It is high time urban folk enjoying the best of government services in the country show their appreciation, said

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi.

The appreciation at this material time, in Sarawak, should be translated into support for the Barisan Nasional candidates in the coming state election, he said when opening the RM32.2-million Sibu Urban Transformation Centre here today.

Zahid said urban folk enjoyed far better facilities and huge development allocations from the government compared to the rural people.

State Minister of Local Government and Community Development Datuk Seri Wong Soon Koh represented Chief Minister Tan Sri Adenan Satem at the event, which was attended by more than 5,000 people.

"But from analyses of any general election, it is not encouraging to note they (urban folk) are neither responsive nor appreciative.

"They tend to go against the government candidates entrusted and tasked to bring the development which they benefit from," he said.

Zahid said the urban community was mostly represented by those outside the government who could not contribute to their wellbeing and comfort in terms of providing the best services.

These representatives too, he said, would continue to spew negative comments against the government while those in cahoots with them would only appear once every five years.

"This is not very fair. Despite the lack of support, the government is still being fair and continues to provide the necessary services to them," he said.

"So, with the coming state election, I urge the urban community to leave behind such old and negative values and adopt the positive ones towards the government," he said.

On the UTC, he said it was the brainchild of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and unique to the country.

He said the UTC, a government transformation effort through the Ministry of Finance, had won the admiration of even the World Bank which had said it was worthy of emulation by other countries.

He said there were now 14 UTCs in the country (including three in Sarawak) which had so far received 11.4 million people seeking services at various key government agencies or treatment at its

1Malaysia clinics.

He said the government remained committed to build more UTCs in urban areas and RTCs (Rural Transformation Centres) in the rural areas.

Sarawak goes to the polls on May 7. Nomination for the 11th state election is on Monday.

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