

Change like Mahathir and win GE14, says Tian Chua

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SHAH ALAM: PKR vice-president Tian Chua today urged the people to use former Prime Minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad as an example to unite and make political changes.

“When Mahathir was accused of making a U-turn by critics for joining the opposition, he answered that only fools will not make a U-turn.”

He said the three-day PKR congress, which ended today, would be the last meeting before the general election which should be held before the middle of next year.

He said the people were suffering due to the high cost of living and this had become a burden to them.

“The victory will be for the people if they unite behind us in GE14,” he said to thunderous applause.

Other delegates and top leaders raised the issues of the high cost of living, stagnant wages and corruption in facing GE14.

PKR secretary-general Saifuddin Nasution, during his speech, said there was no way the party would allow its 30 parliamentary seats it won during the last general election to be taken over by others.

“The areas we won with slim majority cannot be given to anyone.”

He said PKR alone would not be able to defeat Umno.

“That is why we have Pakatan Harapan to win over the people.”

All the top PKR leaders backed party president Wan Azizah Wan Ismail’s call to make its jailed de facto leader Anwar Ibrahim the prime minister once the opposition wins in GE14.

Shouts of “reformasi”, “Bebas Anwar” and “Lawan tetap lawan” (keep on the fight) filled the hall of Dewan Raja Muda Musa here throughout the day.

PKR vice-president Rafizi Ramli said Wan Azizah should be the interim prime minister while waiting for Anwar to be released from jail.

He reminded Prime Minister Najib Razak not to steal a slogan commonly used by PKR, “lawan tetap lawan” (keep on fighting).

The Pandan MP said Najib during a meeting with Umno cybertrooper recently had used the same slogan, “lawan tetap lawan”.

“That means he is ready to be in the opposition,” he quipped.

He said the opposition, including PAS, needs to win 112 parliamentary seats. At present, 88 seats belong to the opposition.

Wan Azizah Wan Ismail said the task ahead to win the polls was not easy.

“We should dry our tears and go ahead with our work. To win. “

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