

Zaid: BN has no sense of service, just self-interest

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Zaid Ibrahim slams Barisan Nasional leadership for taking 'country on downward spiral', promising Pakatan Harapan will treat all Malaysians with respect.

JOHOR BAHRU: Malaysia is in dire need of good leaders who see serving the public as a responsibility, says former minister Zaid Ibrahim.

Unfortunately, he does not believe the current crop of leaders under the Barisan Nasional (BN) government think the same way, saying they only serve in the hope of getting something in return.

“Malaysia needs leaders who offer their services without conditions. It must be on the basis of responsibility to give the best for the people of this country.

“(Prime Minister) Najib (Razak) and MCA can give you permits, cash and maybe contracts. But they cannot give you respect and dignity.

“He (Najib) is a ‘conditional’ leader because his philosophy is he will help you if you help him. His famous line is ‘Lu tolong Gua, Gua tolong Lu’ (You help me, I help you),” Zaid said, referring to a famous line first used by Najib when campaigning for BN in the Sibu parliamentary by-election in May 2010.

Zaid, who joined DAP in February, then promised that a new leadership for the country under Pakatan Harapan will treat Malaysians with respect.

Also present at a dinner held in Gelang Patah in Johor tonight were former prime minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is also Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (PPBM) chairman, DAP supremo Lim Kit Siang and Amanah president Mohamad Sabu.

Addressing the crowd of around 1,600 people, Zaid said the country is in need of a change and a new “driver”, which PH is offering.

“Najib is the worst prime minister ever, and yet MCA says he is the best leader for the Chinese.

“MCA says we must have continuity, but when we are going downhill, we don’t need continuity because that will be suicide. We need change. We need a new driver,” Zaid said, adding that the country is falling apart, and the government’s only direction seems to be heading towards extremism and radicalism.

He claimed that it is the BN leaders’ own inability to put an end to corrupt practices, that has brought the country to this situation of a downward spiral.

“BN leaders cannot solve complicated problems. They only know how to give cash handouts.

“They do not know how to deal with a nation in crisis. We have no law and order, we have corrupt civil servants and corrupt senior politicians, and yet, the law cannot seem to touch them.”

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