

Even if PH loses GE14, Najib won't last long, predicts Rafizi

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PKR vice-president Rafizi Ramli believes Prime Minister Najib Razak will be toppled by his own party members, as surveys by PH show that, in the event of three-cornered fights, BN will win only by a very slim majority.

PETALING JAYA: PKR vice-president Rafizi Ramli is confident that even if Pakatan Harapan does not emerge the victor in the next general election, Prime Minister Najib Razak will be toppled by his own party members.

He based this assumption on surveys made by Invoke, a Pakatan Harapan (PH) policy research initiative, on the likely outcome of three-cornered fights in the next general election.

Earlier in April, Rafizi had revealed the findings of a poll by Invoke involving 10,000 voters. It was carried out among registered voters picked randomly by computer from Feb 6 to April 6 this year in Malay-majority constituencies.

The poll found that Barisan Nasional (BN) would have the advantage in three-cornered contests in Malay-majority areas, and that PAS would get fewer votes than Amanah.

In a live video released on his Facebook page today, Rafizi said surveys have been on-going everyday since December 2016.

So far, he said, the findings showed that if the general election were to be held soon, and in the event of three-cornered fights, PH would be able to win 97 seats while BN would be able to win 125 seats.

"If this turns out to be true, then you can be sure that there will be attempts to get rid of Najib from within Umno itself," he said.

"I don't think Najib can stay long with only a slim majority. It's also a likelihood that BN component parties from Sabah and Sarawak will leave BN and join Pakatan Harapan. BN representatives will jump off Najib's sinking ship."

He claimed there could even be a power struggle within BN which could involve Umno vice-presidents Zahid Hamidi and Hishammuddin Hussein.

“What is clear is that if Umno were only able to win a slim majority in the face of three-cornered fights in the next general election, Najib will no longer be prime minister.”

Rafizi said if PH wanted to win the majority in the next general election, the coalition had to focus on 50 marginal seats in the peninsula where BN had won with less than a 10% majority.

In order to do this, he said, PH had to focus its attention on winning the hearts of the fence-sitters.

“Although fence-sitters are aware of the accusations involving 1MDB, what they really care about are issues that affect their lives directly, including the rising cost of living, their salaries which do not increase in tandem, and the worry that too many foreign workers are stealing jobs from the locals.”

PH will continue its “Rebuilding the Nation” campaign next weekend in some of these marginal seats in the northern states.

According to Rafizi, the campaign will continue on Saturday morning in Perak, starting in Tanjung Malim before heading to Padang Rengas and ending in Tambun. On Sunday, the campaign will move to Sungai Petani, Kedah, in the morning, and will continue on to Penang island in the afternoon and end at Balik Pulau at night.

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