

Rafizi: Johor will lead shift in support for PH
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The PKR vice-president says the PH's "Let's rebuild the country" campaign roadshow is targeting 15 "winnable" seats in the state.

PETALING JAYA: The Pakatan Harapan (PH) campaign truck that will visit 50 "winnable" parliamentary seats ahead of the 14th general election (GE14) will make many stopovers in Johor, says PKR vice-president Rafizi Ramli today.

He said Johor was a major target of the campaign because PH's surveys showed voters in the state would lead the shift in support to the opposition coalition from Barisan Nasional (BN).

Last Saturday, Rafizi launched the truck campaign and roadshow with the slogan "Let's rebuild the country".

He said 15 of the 50 target constituencies to be visited were in Johor.

Among the constituencies he named were Johor Bahru, Pasir Gudang, Tebrau, Sembrong, Tanjung Piai, Sekijang and Segamat.

All the constituencies were selected after analyses of the findings of surveys conducted by Invoke Malaysia, a research group headed by Rafizi.

Johor Umno leaders were quick to deride Rafizi's expectations.

Sekijang MP Anuar Manap said Rafizi was attempting to rally party supporters with his claims.

"He is just trying to "bagi harapan" (raise hopes). After all, the coalition's name is Pakatan Harapan," he said when contacted.

Segamat Umno chief Zahari Sarip said the PKR veep was just creating propaganda to boost support on the ground.

However, he said Segamat Umno would take the claims as a reminder to work harder in the lead-up to the general election.

Rafizi said he had not forgotten the good work done by past Umno leaders, many of whom came from Johor.

“However, despite former Umno leaders having served the people well, I also can’t ignore the misdeeds of the current leadership in the (Prime Minister) Datuk Seri Najib Razak’s administration,” he said.

Rafizi said he was not surprised by the reactions of Anuar and Zahari, but he remained confident that Sekijang and Segamat, which is held by MIC president and health minister Dr S Subramaniam, would fall to the opposition in GE14.

He pointed out that the pressure of low wages, influx of foreign workers which deprived locals of job opportunities and the rising cost of living due to the goods and services tax (GST) were all products of BN policies.

“In fact, the GST champion who became the butt of jokes throughout the country is a Johor leader, that is Datuk Ahmad Maslan,” he added.

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