

Warisan to Anifah: It's BN which has exacted revenge
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Warisan refutes Anifah Aman's claim that the opposition will take revenge on BN supporters and says BN has reneged on many of its election promises.

BEAUFORT: Warisan has accused the BN government of exacting revenge by severely limiting funds for development and reneging on promises it made in the last election in opposition-held areas.

"If anyone is inflicting revenge, it is BN because those who supported the opposition in the last general election have been experiencing it since then," said Johair Matlani, deputy chief coordinator of Warisan in Beaufort, in a statement today.

She was responding to a statement by Foreign Minister Anifah Aman who on Saturday warned that if the opposition came to power, BN supporters would suffer their wrath.

"Look at Penampang for example, what happened to the hospital and secondary school that was promised? It has been over four years since the last election and nothing has been done.

"Those promises have remained empty. So who is inflicting revenge now?" she pointed out.

At a Hari Raya event on Saturday, Anifah told villagers in Kabang, Papar, to chase away the opposition whenever they came to campaign.

In a democracy, it is constitutionally wrong to prevent anyone from campaigning in any area, Johair reminded.

"So, if that is what Anifah says, then in opposition-held areas, we can also chase away the BN campaigners," she said.

Further, a Warisan government will not go on a witch hunt when in power but Johair warned that those who had corruptly benefited from government projects at the expense of the people will be brought to justice.

"And those who stole from the people, by not carrying out government projects, yes, they must face the law, if that is what Anifah means by revenge.

"As our president, Shafie Apdal, has said: 'Forgive but don't forget'," she said.

Johair said as far as Warisan is concerned, the party's aim is to unite the people of Sabah to fight against the immoral BN/Umno regime in the state.

"When we say unite, we mean everyone, regardless of race, religion or whatever their political ideology. This talk of revenge is nonsense.

"Our focus now is on getting the people of Sabah together to get rid of BN. When that happens, we will restore Sabah to what Sabahans deserve.

"Why would we even think of revenge when our cause is to form a government that serves Sabahans because it is voted by Sabahans?"

As for BN's often repeated claims of having helped the people by giving out BR1M and education aid, Johair described them as mere handouts that only brought fleeting relief, if at all.

"Have they forgotten the 'elephant in the room'? There is the scandalous 1MDB debacle that has brought great shame to this country and the untimely GST (goods and services tax) which has only served to inflict suffering on the people.

"Handouts like BR1M and the so-called education aid are just pain relievers while the 1MDB cancer continues to spread virulently.

"Perhaps BN is under the delusion that these handouts will distract the people from the growing problems in this country that are caused by BN," she said.

Johair said Warisan has more to offer Sabahans in the form of an education ministry that would for the first time ensure the history of Sabah is taught in schools across the state, learning institutions to generate skilled manpower to specifically meet Sabah's industrial needs, downstream industries to provide more jobs for locals and RM100 million dedicated to the development of youth in Sabah, among others.

"A vote for Warisan would mean a vote for a Sabah that any right-minded Sabahan would want for their future and their children," she said.

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