

Pakatan Harapan Lacks Leaders, Recycles Candidates- Azalina

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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 8 (Bernama) -- Pakatan Harapan's (PH) choice of 'recycled' candidates as the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister shows that the party lacks credible leaders.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Azalina Othman Said said this shows the party was not confident of its younger leaders and refused to promote them.

"I have said many times that Pakatan Harapan is a recycling party because they recycle leaders who were previously from UMNO, when they have many young leaders of calibre.

"So either they do not have credible leaders or they are not confident of the ones they have or they are using former UMNO leaders just to seize power so even the recycled ones will do," she told reporters after an official visit to Amanah Raya Berhad (AmanahRaya) here today.

She was commenting on PH's choice of Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamed as Prime Minister and Datuk Seri Azizah Wan Ismail as Deputy Prime Minister if it wins in the coming general election.

Azalina said PH's choice of recycled leaders also showed that the party is using the 'backward' approach while Barisan Nasional is forward-looking and does not sideline the younger generation.

"Even though we do not know how many young faces will be fielded, the Prime Minister (Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak) has repeatedly stressed the National Transformation 2050 (TN50) issue,..we are looking forward to the young leading, to the youth to inherit."

Meanwhile, in a separate media statement, Azalina described the opposition as hypocrites and unprincipled as they often made 'U-turns'.

"Since the beginning, PH has shown how hypocritical the opposition is, conveniently choosing to forget the accusations hurled at the former prime minister (Tun Mahathir).

"The opposition had on many occasions urged the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) to investigate the unusual wealth of Tun Mahathir's children, but today, they have appointed him as their leader," she said.

She added that the opposition had also previously proposed limiting the prime minister's tenure to two terms, but once again made a U-turn when they named Dr Mahathir as prime minister for the sixth term.

"The unprincipled attitude of the opposition is making the people lose confidence in PH as a party which can look after their interests, and PH will only be left hoping," she said.

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