

Call For BN Youth To Become Cyber Troopers To Counter Allegations, Fake News

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KOTA BELUD, March 9 (Bernama) -- Communications and Multimedia Minister Datuk Seri Dr Said Keruak today called on all members of Barisan Nasional (BN) Youth to become the party's cyber troopers who would aggressively counter opposition's allegations and curb the spread of fake news.

Salleh, who is also Kota Belud BN chairman, said the cyber troopers also had an important role to play in explaining to the people about any particular issue so that they would not make a wrong decision when casting their votes at the upcoming general election.

He said today's political landscape had changed tremendously as allegations and fake news were being spread through the use of smart phones and social media compared to just through poison-pen letters previously.

"So, each of you must become a cyber trooper to counter the opposition's malicious statement and allegations, not to help them spread fake news," he said.

Salleh, who is also UMNO Treasurer, said this at the Kadamaian BN Youth Brigade machinery meet-and greet programme here today.

The minister said if the BN Youth cyber troopers succeeded in explaining all issues and countering all allegations and fake news, public confidence in BN's capability would improve and the people would have no problem to give their mandate to the coalition in the upcoming general election.

This is because the voters comprised those who vote based on party factor and those who

vote based on issues and their surrounding factors, he said.

He said those who vote based on party factor would hardly cause any problem as most of them were strong supporters of the party, but those who vote based on issues and surrounding factors needed to be tackled wisely and strategically.

"That is why BN machineries should understand and take into consideration the reasons the voters vote. Give them answers and explain to them about all issues," he added.

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