

Tanjung Aru residents still need BN

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KOTA KINABALU, April 19 (Bernama) -- After three terms under the Barisan Nasional (BN), which saw much development taking place in the Tanjung Aru state constituency, the residents hoped the mandate will be returned to the party in the 14th General Election (GE14).

A villager of Tanjung Aru Baru, Awang Ekah Jalani, 65, said Tanjung Aru, on the outskirts of Kota Kinabalu city was undergoing development and has become a tourist attraction due to its proximity to the beach, especially Prince Philip Park.

Awang Ekah said the progress was the outcome of good cooperation between the people's representative and his electorate in the constituency who could accept mainstream development and changes.

"We (residents) hope the current leadership can be retained besides improving further the services to the people.

"We have no problems even though the residents are multi racial, can still meet in every occasion," he told Bernama.

As for Sabrina Sitawin, 40, the private sector employees also acknowledged that the development brought by the government in the area had provided job opportunities to the locals such as the existence of Tanjung Aru Plaza, Perdana Park and five-star hotels.

The mother of four was confident that the development being enjoyed by the people in Tanjung Aru would be ongoing if the BN continued to control the constituency.

Another Tanjung Aru resident Syafiqah Hassan, 28, wanted the elected representative in the GE14 to be from a stable government that listens to the voices of the people.

Tanjung Aru and Petagas are state seats under the Putatan parliamentary constituency, which is also a BN stronghold.

In the 13th general election, BN candidate Datuk Edward Yong Ooi Fah won the Tanjung Aru state seat in a four-cornered fight with a majority of 3,690 votes, defeating Hamid Ismail from PAS; Salleh Tiaseh from Sabah Reform Party (STAR) and Yong We Kong from Sabah Progressive Party (SAPP).

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