

Najib Wants BN To Recapture Telok Kemang Seat In GE14

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PORT DICKSON, Feb 26 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak wants the Negeri Sembilan Barisan Nasional to work harder and recapture the Telok Kemang parliamentary seat and three of the five state seats within it held by the opposition.

The Prime Minister said the time had come for the voters in the constituencies to make a switch and enable the BN to manage the seats.

He was addressing the people at a Leader-with-the-People gathering at the Port Dickson District and Land Office Complex square here today.

The opposition PKR won Telok Kemang in the 13th General Election when its candidate, Datuk Kamarul Baharin Abbas, beat BN's Datuk V. S. Mogan, the MIC national information chief, and independent candidate Kamarudin Kumaravel Abdullah with a majority of 1,579 votes.

The BN holds two of the five state seats within Telok Kemang, namely Bagan Pinang and Linggi. Chuah and Port Dickson are held by PKR while Lukut is with DAP.

Addressing about 10,000 people, Najib, who is BN chairman and UMNO president, said he wanted the Negeri Sembilan BN to achieve a two-thirds majority in the state legislative assembly in GE14.

"We now have 22 state seats. We want to win 24 or more - we want 26 or 27 seats. In his speech just now, Tok Mat (Negeri Sembilan Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan) did not ask for anything. If you seek street lights and such, these can be included in the manifesto and if we (BN) win, much more development will be brought to Telok Kemang.

"Hopefully, BN will win here (Telok Kemang), in Negeri Sembilan and everywhere else in the country, he said.

Negeri Sembilan has eight parliamentary seats, namely Rembau, Tampin, Jelebu, Kuala Pilah, Jempol, Seremban, Rasah and Telok Kemang, of which five - Rembau, Tampin, Jelebu, Kuala Pilah and Jempol - are held by BN while DAP holds Seremban and Rasah and PKR, Telok Kemang.

Negeri Sembilan has 36 state seats, with BN holding 22; DAP, 11; and PKR, three.

Meanwhile in another development, Najib chided the opposition which described the efforts by the government to develop Langkawi as 'dedak' or a gift in the run up to GE14.

"This was already included in the 11MP (11th Malaysia Plan) much earlier, I announce on behalf of the government and when everything is added together the amount sounds substantial...so I announce an allocation of RM1.3 billion for Langkawi, and what is the allocation for? It is to provide water supply, hospital and for the people.

"To say that I am afraid of them (opposition), why should I be? The BN has never been afraid of anyone, said the prime minister while stressing that the opposition had never given constructive suggestion for national development.

Najib said that the BN was an inclusive party that looked after the interest of all the people.

"We don't have to think much, what is important is that we have a good plan for our future, we don't make empty promises...we don't make manifestos and then we are not bound to such manifesto.

"This is another thing about the manifesto...they can review the manifesto, we don't review. We have fulfilled 97.5 per cent of the previous manifesto. This is our BN government, he said.

Besides Mohamad, also present at the event was Telok Kemang UMNO division chief, Tan Sri Mohd Isa Abdul Samad as well as the state and Telok Kemang BN leaders.

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