

## KERATAN AKHBAR

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# Don't take win for granted, Wan Junaidi tells BN supporters

**KUCHING:** Barisan Nasional supporters in Tanjung Datu should not take victory for granted but make their votes count at the ballot box.

Warning against complacency, Barisan by-election operations director Datuk Seri Dr Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar said it was important for voters to turn out in full force come polling day.

"In my experience, whenever there is a strong candidate, some supporters feel that there is no need to vote because the candidate is bound to win.

"But we should not think that way. We should turn out and vote in large numbers, not to create a record but to make sure that we can win," he told reporters after a meet-the-people session at Masjid

Darul Iman in Kampung Slieng, Lundu, on Monday night.

Barisan is fielding Puan Sri Jamilah Anu, the widow of Chief Minister Tan Sri Adenan Satem, in the Feb 18 by-election.

She is facing PBDS Baru's Rapelson Richard Hamit and Johnny Bob Aput from State Reform Party Sarawak (STAR) in a three-cornered fight.

The by-election was called following Adenan's death on Jan 11.

Dr Wan Junaidi said a high turnout was important to show that Jamilah had the support of voters to continue Adenan's legacy in Tanjung Datu.

"We don't want to see a reduced number of voters on polling day. Even the Election Commission has urged voters to come out and

vote," he said.

Meanwhile, SUPP president Datuk Dr Sim Kui Hian said the state government would continue to develop infrastructure and create economic activities in Lundu.

"By creating economic activities here, young people will not need to go to Kuching to look for work," he said after a walkabout in Lundu town yesterday.

# Jamilah's son meets the people

## Azizul helps spread mother's message to constituents



**LUNDU:** The usually quiet town broke into a hive of activity when the youngest son of Puan Sri Jamilah Anu, the Barisan Nasional candidate for the Tanjung Datu by-election, went on a walkabout to campaign on behalf of his mother.

He went from shop to shop, shaking hands and exchanging greetings with traders and other residents, and most importantly, bringing them his mother's campaign message.

Azizul, 26, was accompanied on his walkabout by Sarawak United People's Party (SUPP) president Datuk Dr Sim Kui Hian.

"My mum sends her *salam* (greetings) to all the voters in Tanjung Datu. Her message to the voters is to put their trust in her. She will definitely continue my late father's (Tan Sri Adenan Satem) legacy in this area and continue fighting for the people of Sarawak," he told reporters.

Jamilah is unable to go on a by-election campaign trail as she is still observing the *iddah* (mourning period), as required in Islam, following her husband's demise due to heart complications on Jan 11.

Azizul, who appeared pumped up for the task of representing his mother in the campaign, said she



**Touching encounter:** Azizul (centre) and Dr. Sim greeting an emotional woman during the walkabout in Lundu.

had been reminding him to take care of his meals and to keep to the programme that been planned for him.

He said family members would also be campaigning for Jamilah and they had already received the programme schedule drawn up by

the Barisan election machinery.

"The programme includes visits to villages and longhouses in the Tanjung Datu constituency.

"We (family members) have a group chat among ourselves to be kept updated," he said.

Azizul said his mother was also

being assisted in the campaign through social media.

He said his family members, friends and Sarawak Barisan component members, including state Cabinet ministers, were constantly updating information on their social websites. — Bernama

## STAR going low-key out of respect for Adenan

**KUCHING:** State Reform Party Sarawak (STAR) is carrying out a low-key campaign in the Tanjung Datu by-election out of respect for the late Chief Minister Tan Sri Adenan Satem.

Its president Lina Soo said party workers will be knocking on doors to campaign for their candidate, Johnny Bob Aput.

"This by-election is a quiet but dignified affair because Adenan's presence is still looming over us. We are doing low-key, low-profile campaigning because we respect Adenan and we appreciate what he has done for Sarawak in the short time that he was chief minister," she told the media yesterday.

The Tanjung Datu state seat fell vacant when Adenan died from heart complications on Jan 11.

Barisan Nasional's candidate, Puan Sri Jamilah Anu, Adenan's widow, is facing Johnny and PBDS Baru's Rapelson Richard Hamit in a three-cornered fight.

Soo said the party will campaign on main issues such as restoring Sarawak's status and rights under the Malaysia Agreement, as well as the recognition of *permakal menoa* (territorial domain) and *pulau galau* (communal forest reserve) as native customary rights (NCR) land.

She admitted the party stood very little chance of winning and that it only hoped to reduce Barisan's majority.

In last May's state election, Adenan retained the seat with a 5,892-vote majority over PKR's Jazolkipi Numan who only polled 468 votes.