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Taman Sri Andalas – May 1, 2018

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"I am touched to see a sea of people from various races and backgrounds who are present here tonight. This proves that the people of Selangor will stand behind Keadilan and Pakatan Harapan. If we can maintain this show of unity, I have no doubt that on the 9th of May, Putrajaya will be ours," said Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali at the Jelajah Pakatan Harapan campaign in the constituency of Sungai Kandis at Taman Sri Andalas, Klang. The estimated 10,000 strong crowd, erupted into loud cheers and applause as Mohamed Azmin urged them to band together and vote for the Pakatan Harapan coalition as the new federal government for a better Malaysia.

The Jelajah Pakatan Harapan campaign is part of the opposition coalition's machinery to win the hearts and minds of the people and is campaigning in most major towns and cities all over Malaysia before the country goes to the polls on May 9th, 2018.



UMNO an Illegal Party

ALOR SETAR (May 1): Former Finance Minister and UMNO treasurer-general Tun Daim Zainuddin said UMNO is illegal and he cannot be a member of an illegal society, hence he is coming out to "fight for justice" by speaking at Pakatan Harapan (PH) events.

"I am fighting for justice for the people. I am not scared of disciplinary action being taken against me because UMNO is an illegal society and under the law, I cannot be a member of an illegal society," he told reporters after meeting with voters in Pendang today. UMNO has not held its elections at Supreme Council, division and branch levels, since October 2013 but the Registrar of Societies (RoS) approved its application to postpone the elections till April 19, 2019 although the dominant political party should have conducted its polls by April 19 this year.

Since its last election, it would have been 54 months in April, which is the maximum limit stated in UMNO's constitution, resulting in claims that the party is illegal.

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Peduli Rakyat Embraces All

GOMBAK, 1 MAY: The implementation of Initiative Peduli Rakyat by the Selangor government will inspire people in the state to keep the existing Selangor government administration.

Pakatan Harapan candidate for N17 Gombak Setia, Hilman Idham said that the success of the scheme was enjoyed by all age groups and races in the welfare state.

"It is of no use when a state is prosperous,

but it's citizens are poor and do not receive the right help"

"This is what we should keep in mind so that IPR can continue to provide for all levels of society"

IPR is a welfare policy that was introduced by the Selangor government administration.

The development of the policy was initiated under seven core thrusts that will increase from

time to time.

The objective of the implementation was to ensure that the surplus of the state is distributed evenly to the people through the development of welfare programs.

IPR aims to fulfill Selangor's vision of becoming a developed state by 2025.



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Every one of us must respect each other's rights and feelings, be tolerant of each other's religions, customs and habits, for in diversity we can truly find real unity.

How Will Malaysians Vote?

by Apsara Murale

his is a fragile moment for the nation as we approach D-Day. The integrity of our democratic institutions is under assault, and basic standards of honesty and decency in public life are corroding. If you are horrified at what is happening in the lead-up to the election, you can march in the streets, and demand more from your elected representatives, you can share the latest outrageous news on your social media feed - all worthwhile activities. But none of it matters if you don't go out and vote. With the Malaysian 14th General Elections (GE14) a matter of days away, it sometimes seems as though Malaysians have lost sight that power belongs to them and not the leaders. The intensely personal nature of this campaign - and the particular danger of the ruling coalition continuing for another 5 years-can be dangerous for the nation, all the more reason for the people to go out and vote.

Local pollsters like Merdeka Center and Politweet have been releasing results on the chances of the two main political coalitions, Barisan Nasional (BN) and Pakatan Harapan (PH), winning the coming elections. Yet predictions vary widely over how 15 million voters will choose the next government as there are key factors that could swing votes either way.

Leadership Legacy

According to The Diplomat, the first factor is the leadership legacy of Tun Mahathir Mohamad. Tun Mahathir Mohamad was recently named as the opposition coalition prime minister-designate to contest in the coming elections, pitting him against the incumbent Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak. Tun Mahathir Mohamad's personal appeal in Kedah is a huge obstacle to the Barisan Nasional ruling coalition to retain power in the state. Kedah has been Mahathir's political base since his early days in politics in the 1950s. Being the figure most responsible for bringing development to the state during his tenure as prime minister from 1981 to 2003, the prevailing sentiments for the former PM among Kedah locals should not be overlooked.

Prominent Identity Politics

The second important factor is prominent identity politics involving former ruling coalition leaders who are now confronting BN as influential opposition figures, following their fallouts with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak on the 1MDB issue in 2016. Leaders like Tan Sri Dato' Dr Muhyiddin Yassin and Datuk Seri Shafie Apdal are seeking to utilize their political bases in the northern part of Johor and the eastern part of Sabah respectively as a springboard to capture those states with their new political allies in the opposition alliance. In all, Sabah's electoral politics display the localisation process at its best by fostering a single identity among Sabahans.

Economic Concerns

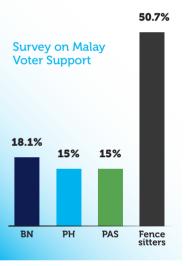
The third factor is the economic concerns of voters at the grassroots level. According to the Straits Times, surveys and strategists on both sides of the political divide have asserted that Malaysians in general tended to vote with their pockets in general elections. Despite the cost of living being the top bugbear, wealthier urbanites who have been buying luxury cars in record numbers - are set to give their vote to the opposition coalition led by Tun Mahathir Mohamad. Meanwhile, the poorer electorate in rural areas remains staunchly behind a government that has been blamed for recent economic woes such as the spike in the cost of living and the jump in property prices due to the pouring of billions of dollars into targeted welfare programmes such as direct cash aid, subsidies for basic goods, and housing. In addition, Merdeka Centre has found that while corruption is seen as one of the two top issues by 47 per cent of the Chinese, 75 per cent of the Malays pick inflation as the main bugbear.

Waning Support

It cannot be denied that the ruling coalition's support among the Malays has been waning in recent months because of corruption scandals that have burdened the Malays, such as the billions of ringgit in losses and debt incurred by the Federal Land Development Authority (FELDA), an agency that oversees plantations for over 1.2 million poor bumiputera families and their increasing resentment towards Prime Minister Najib Razak and his coalition. The downtrend in Malay support for BN corresponded with an increase in voters from the community who were undecided or declined to state their voting preferences.

Many of the opposition coalition supporters seem confident of a win on polling day despite the uncertainties and for good reason. Since campaigning started, ceramah after ceramah organised by Pakatan Harapan has seen unprecedented crowds not just in Selangoi but in other parts of the country. People from all walks of life and creed are flocking to the ceramahs to listen to the opposition coalition's leaders, The mood at these ceramahs are unmistakable, the rakyat is hungry for change.

Malaysians are helping other Malaysians to return home to vote, knowing that every single vote counts especially in a climate where the integrity of



the Election Commission has glaringly come into question. At the grassroots, the eyes of the rakyat are slowly opening through countless corruption scandals, specifically the one involving FELDA which has hit closer to home. Urban voters are fervently hoping that Ini Kali Lah we can retire a 60year old regime for a new coalition.

A coalition that promises to lead with fiscal integrity, transparent governance and people-centric initiatives. As Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali says, it is time to end the 60 year old race-based politics of the Barisan Nasional government. Pakatan Harapan is a multiracial coalition that represents the ideals and vision for a progressive and prosperous Malaysia. Come May 9th, the future of all Malaysians lie in our hands. We can either do nothing or we can flood polling stations in record numbers to save Malaysia for our children. You decide.



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Know Your Numbers

How to check your status? pengundi.spr.gov.my/



The ethnic composition of each polling lane was calculated. This was used to adjust the probability levels for individual voters. The polling lane result was used to generate a probability figure e.g. 60% of votes for BN and 40% of votes for PH means a base probability value of 60% pro-BN and 40% pro-PH is generated for all voters in that polling lane. The base probability was then adjusted based

on the ethnic composition.

Overview of Peninsular Malaysia Election Statistics Number of Voters in Opposition-Contested parliamentary Seats, Peninsular Msia, seats and **GE14** O PKR **Total voters** 4,312,054 state seats Voters 29.45% 🛠 PPBM 8.30% **Division of Division of** Voters Peninsular 1.16% Peninsular Malaysia New Malaysia Voters by Voters by 0.33% Ethnic Group, 2017, Q1 Φ DAP Ethnic Group, 2017 Q1 945

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31% 32% 16% 21% Distribution of Opposition-Contested Seats by Party Peninsular Malaysia, GE14

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Candidates: Who Are They?

The 2018 general elections will largely be determined by the intensity of the opposition coalition's campaign, the public's reaction to the ruling coalition's electoral pledges and, of course, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak. At the same time, the quality of individual candidates and the races they run will be central to the opposition coalition's chances of retaining Selangor. With this in mind, here are nine candidates to watch in gauging which way and how hard the electoral winds are blowing in Selangor.

Maria Chin Abdullah League of Her Own



Abdullah P105 Petaling Jaya

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- Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR)
- Former Bersih 2.0 Chairperson, Seeking a first term as MP for Petaling Jaya,

Parliament

People used to wonder whether Maria Chin Abdullah was tough enough to be a politician. But in the week that veteran politicians like Tian Chua was denied the right to contest, Maria Chin Abdullah's reputation has risen to new heights. As the opposition coalition struggles to overcome the odds against a deeply flawed Electoral Commission, Maria Chin Abdullah's presence in the political scene suddenly looks very attractive.

The seasoned activist has shown a steely determination to defend the rights of all Malaysians. She was detained under the Security Offences (Special Measures) Act (Sosma) on the eve of the Bersih rally in 2016 in Kuala Lumpur which drew more than 15,000 protesters demanding that Prime Minister Najib Razak step down amid graft allegations. The ruling coalition was furious about this. They were confident that Maria was going to back down. Perhaps they should have studied more carefully Maria's long career in activism, beginning in the Baling student protests way back in 1974 when she first showed her willingness to defy powerful interests.

Of her recent decision to contest in Petaling Jaya, an urban parliamentary seat, she says that politics is a natural extension of her career as an activist. "There's not much difference between activism and politics because it is all about what you believe and what you want to push through. The only difference is that if you're elected you get to

There's not much difference between activism and politics because it is all about what you believe and what you want to push

through

be more responsible to your constituents and push the policies and laws at the parliamentary level. In this country, there is not much to hold on to in terms of democracy and to me it is important to hold on to whatever is left of it because we need to grow, improve and understand that we have to change and not treat corruption as something that is natural."

Her decision to campaign as an independent under the PKR banner caught many by surprise. "PKR is very much a party that is needed in Malaysia. It has the vision to be inclusive of all races and to try and cut down on race based politics which is a fixture in our country." This refusal to allow herself to be pigeon-holed is characteristic.

Throughout her career Maria has pressed forward with two main objectives: free and fair elections and empowering women. The latter objective is particularly close to her heart and especially since 52% of the electorate in Petaling Jaya are women. "Currently, there is inadequate training for women who are interested to participate in politics. It is not just important to learn about the political structure and how political parties work. It is equally important to equip women with the resources and confidence needed to be a political leader. There should be a level playing field for all candidates."

With Maria at the helm of the mother of all elections, what would her message be to voters in her constituency? "Don't vote for me personally. Vote for the country to be better. But more importantly vote for change. There has never been a more opportune time. The time is now."





Shuhaimi Haji Shafiei

N49 Sungai Kandis

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- Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR)
- Former two term State Assemblyman of Sri Muda, Political Secretary to Menteri Besar Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali,

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Shuhaimi Haji Shafiei The Gentleman Politician

His easy charm

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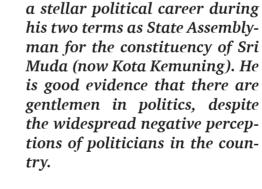
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Sri Muda

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Shuhaimi Haji Shafiei has led

Born on the 27th of February 1968, Shuhaimi got his start in politics with the United Malays National Organisation (UMNO) back in 1984 at his father's behest. He started with the youth wing and his oratorical skill soon saw him rise steadily through the ranks. However, his political career took a sharp turn when he withdrew from UMNO in 1994 after several comments made by senior UMNO leaders didn't sit well with his principles. Like many opposition politicians, his political reawakening occurred at the start of the Reformasi movement in 1998. It was during this period that Shuhaimi made his political comeback, this time no longer as a member of UMNO but a member of PKR.

Besides his position as State Assemblyman, he was also appointed as Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali's political secretary, a career highlight for a politician in PKR. The position afforded him wide political influence and yet that didn't affect his humble and gentle nature. His easy charm made him accessible to residents in the former Sri Muda constituency. Among his key contributions there include facilitating the building of various places of worship of different races in Sri Muda and providing adequate funding for Chinese type national schools and also Tamil national type schools. This won him support among the voters.

The recent re-delineation exercise affected his seat in Sri Muda, forcing him to now contest in the newly created state seat of Sungai Kandis. Despite this, Shuhaimi has accepted the party decision with grace. "I do not find contesting in Sungai Kandis troublesome. I am used to dealing with Malay communities." More than 70 percent of Sungai Kandis voters are Malays.

For Sungai Kandis, Shuhaimi has big plans to improve the infrastructure. "From my observation, one of the pressing issues affecting voters in Sungai Kandis is the road infrastructure. I plan to widen the roads leading up from KE-SAS to Bulatan Batu 5 in Jalan Kebun to help ease traffic congestion. I also hope to improve the welfare of residents considering most of them come from the bottom 40 percentile. Many of them support bringing development and public transport into the area."

With Sungai Kandis being a Malay-majority seat and seeing a multi-cornered fight, Shuhaimi is unfazed. He believes that voters will cast their votes wisely. "Even though BN claims that it will win Sungai Kandis, I am confident the outcome will be in our favour."





	P103 Puchong	Gobind Singh Deo (PH) Datuk Ang Chin Tat (Gerakan) Mohamad Rosalizan Roslan (PAS)
	N28 Seri Kembangan	Ean Yong Hian Wah (PH) Chang Toong Who (MCA)
Card	N29 Seri Serdang	Dr Siti Mariah Mahmud (PH) Datuk Mohammad Satim Diman (UMNO) Noor Hanim Ismail (PAS)
	P104 Subang	Wong Chen (PH) Ir Tan Seong Lim (MCA) Mohd Shahir Mohd Adnan (PAS) Toh Sin Wah (Independent)
	N30 Kinrara	Ng Sze Han (PH) Chiew Kai Heng (MCA) Datuk Lim Ying Ran (PAS)
	N31 Subang Jaya	Michelle Ng (PH) Mejar (B) Chong Ah Watt (MCA) Datuk Seri Mohd Badri Abd Rahman (PAS)
	P105 Petaling Jaya	Maria Chin Binti Abdullah (PH) Chew Hian Tat (MCA) Noraini Hussin (PAS)
P094	N32 Seri Setia	Shaharuddin Bin Badaruddin (PH) Datuk Yusoff M. Haniff (UMNO) Mohd Ghazali Daud (PAS)
7	N33 Taman Medan	Syamsul Firdaus Bin Mohamed Supri (PH) Abdul Mutalif Abd Rahim (UMNO) Arifin Mahaiyuddin (PAS)
	N34 Bukit Gasing	Rajiv Rishyakaran (PH) Chai Ko Thing (Gerakan) Datuk Seri David Sew Kah Heng (PAS)
P098	P106 Damansara	Rajiv Rishyakaran (PH) Chai Ko Thing (Gerakan) Datuk Seri David Sew Kah Heng (PAS)
	N35 Kampung Tunku	Lim Yi Wei (PH) Tan Gim Tuan (MCA)
9099	N36 Bandar Utama	Jamaliah Jamaluddin (PH) Ch'ng Soo Chau (MCA)
	N37 Bukit Lanjan	Wong Keat Ping (PH) Syed Abdul Razak Syed Long Alsagof
P103	P107 Sungai Buloh	Sivarasa A/L K. Rasiah (PH) A. Prakash Rao (MIC) Nuridah Salleh (PAS) Zainurizzaman Moharam (PSM)
	N38 Paya Jaras	Mohd Khairuddin Bin Othman (PH) Datuk Zein Isma Ismail (UMNO) Mohd Hanafi Zulkapli (PAS)
P113	N39 Kota Damansara	Shatiri Bin Mansor (PH) Datuk Halimaton Saadiah Bohan (UMNO) Siti Rohaya Ahad (PAS) Snarajan Arumugam (PSM)
	P108 Shah Alam	Khalid Abdul Samad (PH) Datuk Azhari Saari (UMNO) Dr Mohd Zuhdi Marzuki (PAS)
	N40 Kota Anggerik	Mohd Najwan Bin Halimi Shaharuddin (PH) Jumaeah Masdi (UMNO) Ahmad Dusuki Abd Rani (PAS)
	N41 Batu Tiga	Rodziah Binti Ismail (PH) Datuk Mua'adzam Shah Ya'akop (UMNO) Abdul Halim Omar (PAS)

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P109 Kapar		Abdullah Sani Bin Abdul Hamid (PH) Datuk M. Mohana (MIC) Dr Abd Rani Osman (PAS) S. Manikavasagam (PRM)	
N42 Meru		Fakhrulrazi Mohd Mokhtar (PH) Khairul Anuar Saimun (UMNO) Nornajhan Mohd Salleh (PAS) S. Manikavasagam (PRM)	
N43 Sementa		Dr Daroyah Binti Alwi (PH) Datuk Saroni Judi (UMNO) Wan Hasrina Wan Hassan (PAS) N. Ghandi (PRM)	
N44 Selat Klang		Datuk Abdul Rashid Asari (PH) Dr Mohd Khairi Hussin (UMNO) Dr Halimah Ali (PAS) Jeyachandran Wadi Velu (PRM)	
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N45 Bandar Baru Klang		Datuk Teng Chang Khim (PH) Teoh Kah Yeong (MCA)	
N46 Pelabuhan Klang		Azmizam Bin Zaman Huri (PH) Datuk Sheikh Rajesh Sheikh Ahmad (UMNO) Khalid Nayan (PAS) V. Shanmuga Sundram (PSM)	
N47 Pandamaran		Tony Leong (PH) Tee Hooi Ling (MCA) G.S. Santokh Singh (PAS)	
P111		Mohamad Sabu (PH)	
Kota Raja		V. Gunalan (MIC) Mohamed Diah Baharun (PAS)	
N48 Sentosa		Dr Gunarajah A/L R George (PH) Datuk Subramaniam T. Retnam (MIC) M. Rajan (PAS) M. Telaiamblam (PRM)	
N49 Sungai Kandis	Shuhaimi Haji Shafiei (PH) Datuk Kamaruzzaman Johari (UMNO) Mohd Yusof Abdullah (PAS) Hanafiah Husin (PSM)		
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P112 Kuala Langat		Dr Xavier Jayakumar A/L Arul Anandam (PH) Shahril Sufian Hamdan (UMNO) Datuk Dr Yahya Baba (PAS)	
N51 Sijangkang		Roszaini Roslan (PH) Datuk Sulaiman Mohd Karli (UMNO) Datuk Dr Ahmad Yunus Hairi (PAS)	
N52 Banting		Lau Weng San (PH) Ng Siok Hwa (MCA) Tan Chong Swee (PRM)	
N53 Morib		Hasnul Baharuddin (PH) Rozana Kamarulzaman (UMNO) Dr Mohammad Sallehuddin Hafiz (PAS)	
P113		Mohamad Hanipa Maidin (PH) Datuk Marsum Paing (UMNO)	
Sepang		Sabirin Marsono (PAS)	
N54 Tanjong Sepat		Borhan Bin Aman Shah (PH) Datuk Dr Karim Mansor (UMNO) Mohd Haslin Hassan (PAS)	
N55 Dengkil		Adif Syan Abullah (PH) Shahrum Mohd Shariff (UMNO) Yusmi Haniff Ariffin (PAS)	
N56 Sungai Pelek		Ronnie Liu (PH) Ng Chok Sin (MCA) Rohaya Mohd Shahir (PAS) Harry Arul Raj Krishnan (PAP)	





Haniza binti Mohamed Talha N20 Lembah Jaya

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- Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR)
- Former two term State Assemblywoman of Taman Medan, former Deputy Speaker of the Selangor Legislative Assembly,



Haniza binti Mohamed Talha Caring and Down to Earth

I entered politics because I believe that good administration can bring lasting changes and transformation to people's lives



Any journalist covering Selangor's political landscape since 2008 can probably count few politicians who are both unquestionably honest and dedicated, who regard politics as an arena for public service rather than for personal aggrandizement.

One of these few is former State Assemblywoman for Taman Medan and Deputy Speaker of the Selangor State Legislative Assembly, Haniza binti Mohamed Talha, one of PKR's lesser known female political figures, but no doubt a force to be reckoned with. She is currently seeking her third term as State Assemblywoman, this time in the constituency of Lembah Jaya.

Addressed simply and familiarly as Haniza, she is a blunt, no nonsense public servant who studied architecture at the University of Sheffield and a woman comfortable enough in her own skin that she does not need to seek the limelight to feel good about her accomplishments, which are numerous.

Haniza was the key pioneer behind several Selangor State projects, including the setting up of Dataran Anak Muda, an arena for sports and recreation for youth; the food stamp program for poor urban dwellers; and the scheme to brighten and enliven low cost flats.

It is easy to be inspired by her fierce passion to improve funding for schools

and raise awareness for special needs children, and you know that when she makes a stand it's not because she's been unduly influenced by special interests or for campaign cash. "I entered politics because I believe that good administration can bring lasting changes and transformation to people's lives. I get a lot of satisfaction seeing my constituents smile and being happy knowing that I can resolve their problems. This is why I believe people have a lot of hope for Pakatan Harapan," she says of her involvement in politics.

Her architectural background provides her with the insight that improving living spaces can transform the lives of the community. That was why during her first term as State Assemblywoman for Taman Medan, she embarked on a program to repaint low-cost flats. In her second term, she sought to bring the human element by providing aid and welfare programs to her constituents.

Her current campaign in the constituency of Lembah Jaya, a former PAS stronghold has been making great strides. Her reputation in Taman Medan has certainly preceded her. What does she hope to change in Lembah Jaya? "It is a good thing that the party decided that I should be fielded as a candidate here. There's not much difference between Lembah Jaya and Taman Medan. I believe that my experiences as a twoterm representative in Taman Medan will help me do better and improve the lives of my constituents here."



Muhammad Hilman bin Idham Dedicated and Diligent

In tapping Hilman bin Idham to be the state assemblyman and running-mate in the constituency of Gombak Setia of which Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali will be contesting the Parliament seat of Gombak, he has chosen a charismatic young leader who rose to prominence shortly after 2010 for participation and expression in the Hulu Selangor by-election, an offence under the notorious University and University Colleges Act in 1971 that prohibited all expression and participation in politics by Malaysian University students.

Hilman, 29, has spent most of his young adult life in politics, with little business or executive experience to speak of. He steadily built his credibility while working for the Menteri Besar of Selangor Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali, as a special assistant.

For the past several years, Hilman has diligently served in the Selangor government. It is clear for all to see that Hilman looks up to Azmin Ali as a role model. "Azmin is one of the younger politicians whose charisma made it easy for me to work with him. This gave me the opportunity to share my political ideas with him and gain valuable feedback."

I think it is time for young people to get involved in politics for the future of the country.

Despite his initial political exposure in Indonesia, he believes that Malaysians possess a unique democratic identity that brings with it unparalleled challenges. "Malaysia's political landscape is unique simply because for the longest time race based politics have taken centre stage. While this presents its own challenges, Malaysia has the potential to emerge as a country with genuine democratic institutions and that can only happen with a change of government."

Being one of the younger politicians being fielded in this election under PKR comes with certain privileges. For one, his youth brings a fresh perspective in a landscape dominated by older experienced politicians. "My age is no barrier in politics. Several of my colleagues who were fielded as political candidates were about my age. I have noticed that the constituents in Gombak Setia value a fresh face in politics. I think it is time for young people to get involved in politics for the future of the country. This election, in my constituency alone, there are 10,000 new registered voters. I believe that most of these new voters have the same concerns and challenges I face as a young person. I think my youth will definitely be an asset in helping these new voters relate to me better as their representative."

On why young people should vote for change, Hilman said, "I put it to you that we are in a situation where there are only two political scenarios. Either we vote for change for a better Malaysia or we return to the dark ages of Barisan Nasional. The choice is ours."

Muhammad Hilman bin Idham N17 Gombak Setia

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Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR)

Former special assistant to the Menteri Besar of Selangor Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali. Seeking a first term as ADN Gombak Setia.



Hee Loy Sian N25 Kajang

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- Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR)
- Notable Positions: Former Member of Parliament for Petaling Jaya Selatan,
- DUN

Hee Loy Sian Still Water Runs Deep

Unlike the other colourful personalities in PKR, Hee Loy Sian, two term Member of Parliament for Petaling Jaya Selatan, came as a surprise to many people when he was chosen to contest in Datuk Seri Wan Azizah's former State Assembly seat in Kajang. "There's not much we know about him, although he is an experienced politician," a resident of Kajang tells Selangor Journal.

His decision to contest Kajang is rather odd given that most political candidates usually start at the state level and end their political careers as Member of Parliament. What was behind the decision to go the other way round? "I decided to become an ADN because I needed a change of environment. It was I who requested the party to let me contest in Kajang. I also wanted to know what it is like to be part of the ruling government. It is tough being a member of the Opposition in Parliament." He rose to power in a way that stunned his political rivals, all of whom underestimated his steady manner and seemingly staid personality. His is an extraordinary story, an unremarkable process engineer working for a Taiwanese firm in Malaysia after his graduation from the University of Malaya whose destiny changed when he decided to join PKR after the birth of the Reformasi movement in 1998. Like

I decided to become an ADUN because I needed a change of environment. It was I who requested the party to contest in Kajang many of PKR's early recruits, he never positioned himself as a politician belonging to this or that faction. Hee Loy Sian especially makes an effort to be seen as a "neutral".

However, his unassuming nature is one of his greatest assets. His political career has so far outlived those of all his political peers in PKR. In Parliament, the ruling coalition got a taste of his tenacity when he continued to apply pressure against Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak by tabling a motion of no confidence against him for the RM 2.6 billion alleged "donation" paid into his personal bank account. Among his other career highlights include fighting for KIDEX to be scrapped.

While his inscrutable and unassuming nature has won him support from Kajang voters in the run up to the elections, he is known as someone who is measured and who chooses his words two levels below his true feelings. When asked how he thinks Kajang voters will vote, he had this to say, "I think people have made up their minds and I believe that Kajang will stand firmly behind Pakatan Harapan."

Datuk Abdul Rashid bin Asari Man with a Mission

When Datuk Abdul Rashid Asari retired from UMNO in 2003, little did he know that he would be given the opportunity to contest as an elected rep for the first time in 2018 in the state seat of Selat Klang, his backyard having lived in that constituency for close to four decades.

It is difficult to imagine a more unlikely turn of events. Datuk Abdul Rashid Asari, a former deputy chief for the UMNO division of Kapar was an UMNO loyalist for close to thirty years beginning in 1989. Yet throughout the time that he held that position in UMNO, he was never offered a chance to contest in any of the state seats, a privilege usually reserved for the top three UMNO branch division leaders like himself. "I was ostracised by fellow members in UMNO simply because I was a professional. UMNO does not like the professional class as we pose a threat to their political hierarchy."

A lawyer by profession, at the age of 66, Datuk Abdul Rashid Asari is set to make a political comeback with the hope of serving his constituents in Selat Klang as a state assemblyman, a position he had been vying for all these years. Having been recalled from retirement by his close friend His Excellency Dato' Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and spurred on by events surrounding the 1MDB scandal and rampant corruption in UMNO, Datuk Abdul Rashid Asari felt that something's got to give. "I could have enjoyed my retirement spending time with my wife and children. But I just could not turn away when Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin told me how Prime Minister Najib Razak confessed to embezzling RM 2.6 billion from 1MDB. The fact that other UMNO members did not speak out on it, it was just unacceptable for me. It was just wrong on so many levels."

He believes that the future of the country would be in safe hands if the opposition coalition comes to power. He notes in particular how the Selangor government's Initiative Peduli Rakyat scheme has impacted the lives of his constituents. "My constituents are composed of mostly Malays, Chinese and Indians who make up the bottom 40 percentile. Since the Initiative Peduli Rakyat scheme was implemented, I have noticed that there are less social problems among my constituents. They are enjoying a much better quality of life compared to people living in states under the ruling coalition."

If elected, he plans to increase more welfare programs to empower his constituents and abolish the GST. He says that many of his constituents are persuaded to vote for him and the party he represents because of the promise to abolish GST in the first 100 days if the opposition coalition comes to power. "Many of my constituents are excited about a change of government. To me, that itself is proof of a Malay tsunami. I am just happy to be part of that transformation and it is my dream that my grandchildren will know that when the time I came I stood on the right side of history."







Michelle Ng N31 Subang Jaya



Seeking first term as ADUN Subang Jaya,

Michelle Ng Blazing a Trail

Michelle Ng, 28, a Legal Bureau Secretary of the DAP and an associate of Gobind Singh Deo & Co has a beaming smile that belies her quiet resolve to make a difference in the bigger, longer game of Malaysia's political future. "After observing all the problems that this country is facing, there comes a point of realisation where only Malaysians can save Malaysia" she says, "however each of us has to do our bit by standing up for what we believe in."

That Michelle had an astonishing rise despite joining DAP only three years ago is all the more remarkable when you consider that the opportunity to be a state assembly politician was very much thrust upon her. "When I joined DAP, I didn't intend to go into politics so soon. I wanted to give myself 10 years to grow and mature as a person. But the opportunity came early and I left my cushy job as a lawyer. I was always interested in policy making and politics is at the forefront of it all to do that at the most fundamental level."

Michelle's political awakening came during her internship with DAP in the lead up to the Sarawak state elections in 2010. "I was impressed that DAP even at that point allowed young people to lead. Young people like Teo Nie Ching were leading the charge in the Sarawak state elections and I realised that this is where I can develop and contribute, where my ideas can be taken seriously. There was this pivotal moment where during a meeting to raise donations for the Sarawak state elections, Lim Kit Siang quietly came and sat beside me without saying a word. This is someone who has trust and confidence in young people and allows them that space to develop and contribute," she says of DAP's legendary stalwart.

While Michelle looks young, she is not carefree. Michelle is determined about her political future without a trace of detachment. When she tells you that she is used to long working hours and taking on responsibility, you should believe her. "As a lawyer, I could not pick and choose my cases. I had to take on any case that came before me. I am usually given 14 days to not just learn the facts of the case but also the area of expertise behind it. In life, I am used to taking responsibility being the eldest child in the family so I have always had to chart my own course and be a good example to my siblings."

Michelle's enthusiasm is infectious and sincere. Her courage to speak up on issues that affect her younger constituents like improving access to mental health treatments and providing support to survivors of sexual harassment is not only admirable but courageous in a political climate that trivialises these struggles.

This is why the coming elections will be a defining point in her life and that should not surprise us. "I think people in Subang Jaya should vote for me because not only is my heart in the right place but I have what it takes to bring Subang Jaya to greater heights."

I would also like to work more closely with law enforcers to encourage survivors of sexual harassment and domestic violence to speak out so that they can get the help they need.







Ong Kian Ming P102 Bangi

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- Democratic Action Party (DAP)
- Election Strategist for DAP, Seeking a second term as Member of Parliament for Bangi,
- 🔂 Parliament

Ong Kian Ming Confident and Pragmatic

Ong Kian Ming is a DAP leader who is stress-tested with the capacity to make any crisis seem manageable. This was evident when he was tasked with winning the seat of Serdang as a first term politician. Serdang was one of the largest constituencies in GE13, numbering 133,139 voters. Instead of imploding, his nerves held firm and in May 2013 he won the seat with a majority of 42, 206 votes.

We are familiar with politicians with unstable characters hidden behind unshakeable beliefs. Ong Kian Ming emerges from every account as solid. His staff and political colleagues readily testify to his confidence, intelligence and tolerance. Yet, initially he never considered entering politics. "I did not join a political party until 2012. There was a period of 14 years in between, from the start of my political awakening at the dawn of the Reformasi movement in 1998 to 2010, when I returned to Malaysia after completing my studies. By then, I was approached by some friends in DAP to help out in the party and that's how I got involved in politics."

"I joined DAP because it is a multi-racial party and DAP has been consistent in speaking up on issues regardless of race and religion."

You could call him the classic definition of a leader. He is a rooted pragmatist. His opinions are drawn from a series of statistical data, rather than any explicable ideological narrative. For an electorate looking for substance, he is a breath of fresh air. By being unfazed, His opinions are drawn from a series of statistical data, rather than any explicable ideological narrative with his ability and confidence, it may well carry him to a successful re-election in the newly drawn electoral seat of Bangi (formerly known as Serdang) with a sizable increase of voters to 178,790, making it the largest constituency in the country.

"It is not unsurmountable. I think this time around, Pakatan Harapan has tried very hard to come out with the larger narrative and show that we have a game plan for the national level but of course local representatives should have a good grasp of the local issues. In my constituency, one important thing is to observe how the MRT Line 1 usage rate is and understand what are the factors preventing some people from using the MRT. The other thing affecting my constituency is the tolls where any increase in the price of tolls will affect my constituents because my constituency is surrounded by tolls."

Despite the negative perception of his political affiliation, it is clear that Ong Kian Ming wants to bridge the divide with his Malay constituents who make up 49% of the electorate. To better empathise with his large Malay voting population, he has undertaken to fast during Ramadhan as a mark of respect. This is the authentic side of Ong Kian Ming's character and not the one the public knows.

If his track record in public is anything to go by it is his ability to bring national issues to the forefront that has been the basis of his appeal. However, he hopes that in the coming elections his constituents will vote for him because, "I hope to inspire more young people to get involved in politics and understand that politics is not necessarily dirty and you don't have to engage in mud-slinging to get your point across. You can have a different approach that is rooted in facts."





Mohamed Hanipa Maidin

P113 Sepang

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- Parti Amanah Negara (PAN)
- Former PAS member, senior member of Parti Amanah Negara,

Parliament

Mohamed Hanipa Maidin Progressive at Heart

A political veteran since 1986, Mohamed Hanipa Maidin is a progressive but controversial figure in the Islamic political movement in Malaysia. His moderate and tolerant Islamic views which espoused inclusivity and diversity often made him a target by conservative Muslims on both sides of the political divide. Yet no one can deny his tenacity, a given for any successful politician.

A double degree holder in civil law and Shariah, Mohamed Hanipa Maidin finally won the Parliamentary seat of Sepang in 2013 on his fifth attempt. He had campaigned four times previously in different constituencies in Johor and Selangor. By his own admission, he believes in justice and will stand up for his political foes if he believes justice is denied. "There is a verse in the Quran, verse 8, chapter 5 which says you have to disperse justice even to your political enemies. When I was a member of PAS, I was against Anwar Ibrahim and the ruling coalition. However, when the ruling coalition went against Anwar Ibrahim, I stood up for him because I feel no one deserves to be treated that way. I wrote a lot of articles on the Anwar case from a legal point of view. As a result, many in PAS labelled me and some of my colleagues who supported Anwar Ibrahim as Anwarinas. But I believe in speaking up when something is unjust. A spade must be called a spade."

This strong sense of justice is also extended to other races. "I fight for all races. I think the rights of non-Muslims should be defended because we live in a multi-racial society." It was this notion that eventually led him and other PAS politicians to form Parti Amanah Negara to bring a new outlook in Islam -- one that is moderate and tolerant of other races in society.

Primarily known for his work as a lawyer, Mohamed Hanipa Maidin made a career defending human rights abuses perpetuated against his colleagues like Mat Sabu and Khalid Samad. However, he laments the lack of independence of the judiciary which is the reason why he believes democracy is threatened in this country especially in the run up to the elections. "The abuses by the Electoral Commission to deny the opposition a fair election is ridiculous. Election is the language of democracy and you have to respect the choice of the people. During my time in PAS, I fully supported local government elections but I was eventually reprimanded by PAS leaders for having that view."

While he believes that issues like GST and the high cost of living will help Pakatan Harapan's chances in winning the election he is also realistic. "Based on feedback from my constituents, the ground is ripe for change. But I have to be realistic and not belittle the right of my constituents to choose. All I can do as their elected representative is to serve their interests in the best way I can and hope that what I do is good enough for them to make them re-elect me."



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Quick Election Facts



A total of 222 parliamentary seats and 505 state seats will be contested across the country, except for Sarawak which will not hold its state election since it was held in 2016



DOSM's figures show that in 2017, there were an estimated 18.68 million Malaysians aged 20 and above, with both women and men accounting for half each, at over 9.32 million and at over 9.36 million respectively



In 1974, Tun Razak makes history as first prime minister to win without contest. The victory came after former civil servant Zulkifli Ahmad who was contesting against Tun Abdul Razak pulled out of the election at the last minute due to personal reasons.



Radio Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur and Singapore announced election results at midnight on Sunday, April 25, 1964. The broadcast continued until 3am or 4am in English, Malay, Chinese and Tamil. The announcement was broadcast through radio stations in Kota Baru, Kuala Terengganu, Kuantan, Penang, Ipoh, Malacca, Johor Baru, Kuala Lumpur and Singapore.



General elections must be held at least once every five years, but the prime minister can ask the king to dissolve Parliament before his mandate expires. Elections must be conducted no later than 60 days after the dissolution of Parliament.



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For GE14, the campaign period is for 11 days beginning from nomination day until midnight on 8 May, as Malaysians would then cast their votes on 9 May.

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With a total of 2,415,074 registered voters, Selangor has the highest number of voters qualified to cast their votes in the 14th General Election (GE14).



According to the Department of Statistics Malaysia's (DOSM) current population estimates for the year 2017, the number of Malaysian citizens is slightly over 28.72 million, with women amounting to 49 per cent, at over 14.2 million, and men 51 per cent, at over 14.5 million



On midday August 8, 1974, Barisan Nasional won 90 seats without contest. 47 of them were parliamentary seats and the other 43 were state assembly seats. Then Prime Minister Tun Abdul Razak Hussein, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Hussein Onn along with eight federal ministers were among the candidates who won without contesting for Parliament.



The first general election in Malaysia was held on Wednesday, July 27 1955.

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