

N24 SEMENYIH

By- Election Brief



Candidates



Nik Aziz Afiq Abdul
Parti Sosialis Malaysia
847 votes



Kuan Chee Hong
Independent
725 votes



Muhammad Aiman Zainali
Pakatan Harapan
17,866 votes



Zakaria Hanafi
Barisan Nasional
19,780 votes

54,503

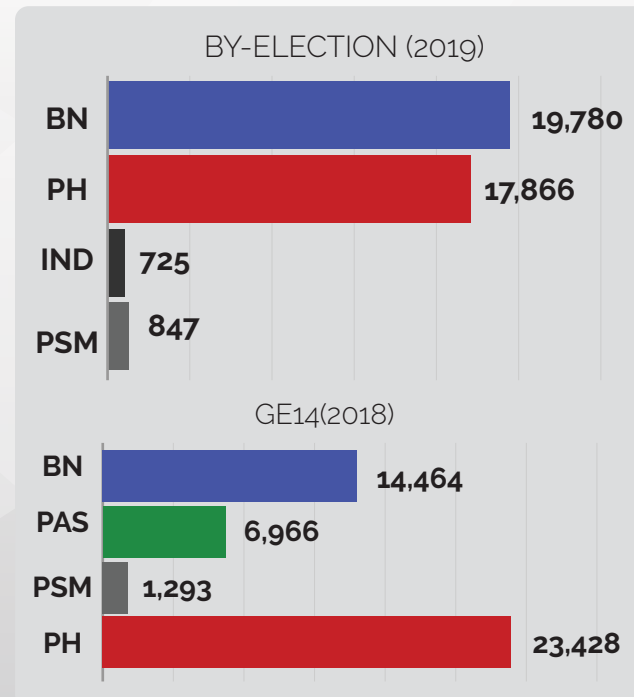
Registered Voters

• **36,857**
Malay/69.2%

• **8,939**
Chinese/16.8%

• **7,062**
Indian/13.3%

• **399**
Others/0.7%



Basic Results



Zakaria defeated Harapan candidate Muhammad Aiman Zainali, who polled 17,866 votes, PSM Nik Aziz Afiq Abdul (847 votes) and independent Kuan Chee Heng (725 votes). BN's voter share increased from 31.31% (GE14) to 50.41%. Swing votes from PH to BN was as much as 12.13%. BN won in 17 PDMs including early voters.

BN lost in mixed seats and areas where non-Malays were majority. Places such as Kampung Baharu Semenyih, BN's voter share fell by 1501. But, support for PH in non-Malay constituencies also fell. In locations such as Semenyih Barat, PH's votes fell by 715.

PKR president Anwar Ibrahim said the results of the Semenyih polls reflected the feelings of the people, especially those of the Malay community.

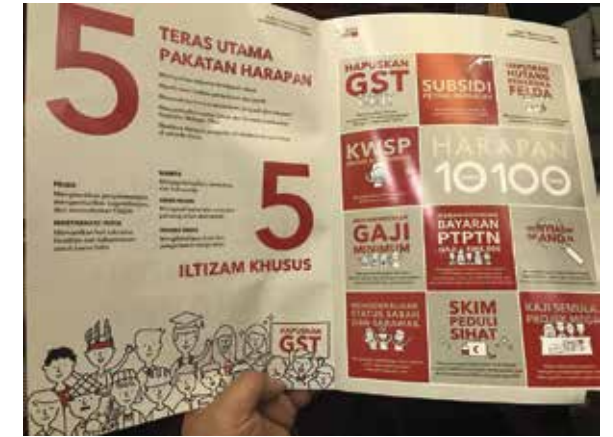
Takeaways

Manifesto promises unfulfilled:

Tone was not in tune with the ground. Voters wanted less development, concerned about congestion, noise. Yet PH were talking about building more hospitals, and Ministers had to defend that statement unnecessarily.

Neither Aiman nor his party had an immediate solution to what the voters were demanding, bringing down cost of living, improve jobs and wages, and highway tolls.

PH candidate's bombastic promises only reminded voters of PH's unfulfilled promises of GE14.



Unexperienced candidates

Mistakes made by PH candidate:

PH's candidate made the mistake of speaking about building a hospital when voters really wanted less development. Too many instances where PH's candidate was told off for a sketchy CV, inability to speak to media, with Muhyiddin having to defend him, making him look weak.

Polls also indicated that voters wanted a middle aged candidate rather than a young one.



PH Malay Support Falling

Malay support for PH falling:

Semenyih was a Malay battle; UMNO and PAS hold a bigger stronghold of Malay voters than Amanah and Bersatu.

The question of race and religion has been a hot topic these past few months. Incidents that infer disrespect of Islam, the death of fireman Muhammad Adib and the fear that the government is controlled by non-Malays, has been formidable.

The public at large are not interested in hearing why global market is responsible for no fall in petrol prices. Public at large also do not comprehend why SST has not led to fall in prices. Most also do not want to know why tolls cannot be abolished overnight (as promised).

Personalities of the old government, now the opposition, understand this frustration, and are making full use of it. DS Najib and DS Hishammuddin turned up to campaign. Hawkers, people at pasar malam all lined up to shake the hands of these old government leaders.

It is not about big scandals. 1MDB was the cream on top, the real hard issue was economy, day to day living, the price of putting food on the table. These are the fundamentals that have not changed.

UMNO and PAS also have stronger machinery than Bersatu and Amanah. Voters who wanted a personal touch, who wanted parties to come to their door and ask what they need, strongly sided with the opposition.

Talk of disunity, at a time when UMNO and PAS are getting closer together, signified weakness in a Melayu bersatu pledge.

