KUCHING: The state government has nothing to fear from Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) de-facto leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, said Chief Minister Tan Sri Datuk Amar Adenan Satem.
He slammed accusations that the reason Anwar was allowed into the state was to avoid international repercussions.
“They said we are scared of Anwar, of all sorts of international repercussions if we did not let Anwar in. They have an inflated view of Anwar Ibrahim.
“In fact we let Anwar in because we are not afraid of him. In spite of the fact that he came, PKR nearly lost its deposit. This goes to show how much influence or (rather) no influence that Anwar has in Balingian,” he told a news conference yesterday.
On the state’s immigration watch, Adenan said the state “does keep a list — the persona non grata and we continue to review the list”.
Asked if Perkasa leader Ibrahim Ali could have been to the state recently Adenan said Ibrahim might have been but he could not guarantee entry to this controversial figure in future.
“Whether Ibrahim Ali is in the state or not is not relevant. He might have been in Sarawak and left, but we will find out the next time he comes to Sarawak.”
On why some opposition leaders including PKR vice-chairman Chua Tian Chang and women’s chief Zuraida Kamarudin were barred from entering the state during the election campaign Adenan said, “It’s not for me to answer. It’s the power of the State Secretary to answer.”
Touching on the landslide victory in Balingian, he said it marked a new beginning for Barisan Nasional (BN) in the state and it was definitely “a morale booster for BN and negative morale for PKR”.
However, he acknowledged that Balingian “is not Sarawak” as there are 70 other state seats.
“But this is a beginning, and you’ve got to begin somewhere.”
Adenan attributed the big victory to the quality of BN’s candidate as well as the commitment and solidarity of BN component parties throughout the campaign period. “We have a good candidate and all the parties involved ran a smooth campaign. Credit to all BN component parties involved in the campaign. I did play a role, but very small.”

On DAP’s ‘Go Rural’ campaign, he said: “They can go rural or wherever they want. They can go to Balingian if they want and let’s see what will happen.”

Adenan also offered an interesting metaphor when comparing the efforts of BN and the opposition in Sarawak.

“There is a difference between a turtle and a chicken. A chicken lays one egg, and the whole kampung knows about it, but the turtle will give you 100 eggs and all is quiet.”

He likened the opposition to the chicken that made so much noise over an egg while BN was like the turtle that laid 100 eggs but remained quietly modest.

Last Saturday, BN retained the Balingian seat by a majority of 6,911 votes.

Yussibnosh Balo, 48, obtained 8,194 votes against PKR’s Abdul Jalil Bujang, 55, who garnered only 1,283 votes.

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