

# Study shows Barisan expected to win GE13

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Barisan Nasional is expected to win the 13th general election (GE13) which will be held this year, according to a study.

Titled "Study on Feedback of Undergraduate Voters", it covered 3,000 respondents from Universiti Malaya (UM), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) and Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM).

The respondents involved undergraduates aged 21 and above from the Malay, Chinese and Indian communities, some of whom would be voting for the first time.

The outcome of the study, carried out from Dec 9 to 12 last year, also showed that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak is a popular leader, has good performance and qualified to be the Prime Minister.

The chairman of Yayasan Hal Ehwal Siswa, Datuk Mohd Radzi Abdul Latif said 57% of the respondents, representing UKM (75%), UPM (67.4%) and UM (41.4%), said the Prime Minister's leadership was good and popular.

"They feel that Najib is the best

candidate for Prime Minister.

"The study also found that respondents who are on the fence will be the decisive factor for both sides," he was quoted by Bernama as saying when announcing the result of the study here yesterday.

Recently, Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Khalid Ibrahim claimed that a study carried out by Universiti Malaya Centre for Democracy and Elections found that 60% of the people in the state would vote Pakatan back to power.

However, this finding was dis-

puted by the state Barisan.

Selangor Barisan coordinator Datuk Seri Mohd Zin Mohamed said Khalid's statement was just a *syiok sendiri* (self-indulgence) statement and that the study did not represent the real sentiments of the *rakyat* in Selangor.

"It is only part of their political and psychological ploy to make them appear stronger as they know that the perception towards Barisan in the state has improved due to the Prime Minister's transformation plans," Mohd Zin said.