

Pas in the political stage and its role in helping with victory and the Gabungan Rakyat Sabah (GRS)-Barisan Nasional (BN) Government in East Malaysia (Borneo)

ABSTRACT

PAS has been established in Sabah for more than 3 decades. The establishment of PAS in Sabah is in line with the objective of creating a society that can practice the good values of life through politics, dakwah and education. Involvement in politics is an important agenda for gaining governing power. Therefore, since its establishment, PAS has never skipped to participate in the Sabah State Election. PAS Sabah is very lucky because it has managed to send the first state assemblyman (ADUN) after PRN 2020 through the appointed ADUN. This paper attempts to look at the political journey of PAS in Sabah and its role in the victory of Gabungan Rakyat Sabah (GRS) and BN. To explain this objective, content analysis of PRN results reports from 1994 to 2020 was conducted in addition to obtaining information throughout PRN 2020 through field observations and interviews with informants who are directly involved in PAS. To clarify this objective, a content analysis of the PRN results report from 1994 to 2020 was conducted. Apart from that, information during the PRN 2020 through field observations and interviews with informants who are directly involved in PAS. Findings show that PAS is a party that consistently contests every election even though it has never won. The directive not to contest in PRN 2020 is a big challenge to comply with but this compliance has paid off when the first inaugural ADUN was successfully appointed to contribute expertise in the Sabah DUN. The GRS victory from WARISAN Plus is a partial contribution of the PAS 2018 votes. Among the clear ones are DUN N.08 Pintasan and N.16 Karambunai. The victory of the GRS was also contributed by the involvement of the PAS machinery at all levels, whether the Central machinery or the state machinery in line with the political policy of consensus and unification of the ummah.