

News Release

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PM's approval rating dropped to 48% in June 2014

BANGI –A survey carried among voters in Peninsular Malaysia found that the Prime Minister's approval rating declined slightly to 48% in June 2014 compared to 50% in April 2014. Correspondingly, those who expressed dissatisfaction increased from 43% to 45% over the same period.

The survey also asked voters to rate their satisfaction on the performance of the prime minister in job functions as follows:

Performance Areas	Satisfied	Dissatisfied
Improving the country's image in the international arena	52%	37%
Improving the performance of government agencies	51%	40%
Improving rural infrastructure	48%	39%
Generating employment	44%	48%
Managing the economy	43%	49%
Prudence in spending public funds	25%	60%
Controlling inflation	23%	69%

The survey was carried out by the Merdeka Center for Opinion Research between 9th and 17th June 2014 – well before the MH17 tragedy.

For this survey, 1,008 registered voters comprising 61% Malay, 30% Chinese and 9% Indian respondents were interviewed by telephone. Respondents were selected on the basis of random stratified sampling along ethnicity, gender and state of residence. The interviews were carried out in the preferred language of the respondents.

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