

BARISAN SWEEP

ASRI OUT: KIT SIANG LOSES STATE SEAT

THE BARISAN NASIONAL appeared to be heading for a smashing victory in the general election today, and the Opposition for a beating.

At press time at 5 a.m., the Barisan had won 41 of the 154 parliamentary seats, Parti Islam (PAS) three and the Democratic Action Party two seats.

Two Opposition leaders were defeated — Datuk Haji Asri Muda of Parti Islam (PAS), and Opposition leader Mr Lim Kit Siang of the DAP in his attempt to win a State seat in Malacca.

The result of his parliamentary battle in Kota Malacca was not known at 5 a.m. when we went to press.

The Seremban "battle of the titans" between MCA president Datuk Lee San Choon and DAP chairman Dr Chen Man Hin went into a recount at 4.10 a.m. after an objection from Dr Chen on the difference between the total number of votes cast in the State seats and the total in the parliamentary seats.



TEARS OF JOY . . . Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah cried freely on hearing that Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir had won in Kubang Pasu

LEAN SIEW LOSES HIS SEAT TO DAP RIVAL

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Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed was returned in his Kubang Pasu seat with an increased majority of 15,762.

His deputy, Datuk Minsa Hirani, had won in Panti, Johore, on nomination day, when he was unopposed.

Other Barisan Nasional leaders made swift work of their opposition opponents.

Among other Barisan leaders who won were MCA secretary-general Tan Sri Chong Hon Nyan in Malacca, MCA Youth leader Datuk Lee Kim Sui in Selangor, Datuk Paul Leong, the Gerakan deputy president, in Tarping, Malacca chief Minister Enock Abot Adam with a smashing 20,000-vote victory in a parliamentary seat, MIC deputy president Datuk S. Subramaniam in Segambut, Johore, with an 11,007 majority.

Opposition leader Mr Lim Kit Siang was defeated handsily in his attempt for a State seat in his home State of Malacca. He polled 1,364 votes to lose to the Barisan candidate by a 3,063 majority in the Bandar Hilir State seat.

Datuk Asri's defeat in Nilam Puri, Kelantan, is likely to spell the end of his political career, as PAS had talked about attempting to wrest control of the Kelantan government from the Barisan Nasional.

He lost to Umno's Datuk Mohamed Haji Ali — who was being called a "giant heater" on Wednesday by a majority of voters — by a margin of 1,139 votes.

Today's result is the third defeat in a row for Datuk Asri. He lost in a State election in Kelantan in 1978, when PAS was crushed at the polls. Later that year, he stood for a parliamentary seat in Kelantan — where he was rejected by the voters again.

Despite Datuk Asri's failure in Kelantan, the party's deputy president, Datuk Abu Bakar Umar, won in Kelah, where he was re-elected in Kota Saru by a reduced 1,413 majority.



Datuk Musa showing Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir how much he had won while Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah hugs her daughter.

And despite Mr Lim Kit Siang's loss of a State seat in Malacca, in Kuala Lumpur, the DAP scored two successes in the key seats of Kuala Lumpur Bandar and Kepong.

DAP deputy secretary general Mr Lee Lam The easily retained the Kuala Lumpur Bandar seat, but with a reduced majority.

Kepong, however, saw a close race between two champions of Chinese education — the Barisan's Mr Kerik Choo Ting (Gerakan) and the DAP's Dr Tan Seng Giau.

A recent was ordered before Dr Tan was declared the winner, by a majority of 1,205.

The results of the Damansara constituency were still not available at press time; the Barisan's Lim Kew Swan and the DAP's V. David had been engaged in a neck and neck battle.

In the Petaling constituency, the DAP candidate, Mr P. Pato, lodged a protest over a broken seal on the ballot box for postal votes. The results of the constituency are expected to be declared late.

Mr Pato, who last stood in Menglembu, Perak, is attempting to defend the seat for the DAP. Petaling was last won by DAP leader Mr Lim Kit Siang. The Barisan's Yeoh Poh San is making his second attempt to wrest it from the DAP.

The battle of Kepong had been one of the most hotly contested in the general election, because both candidates considered themselves the champions of Chinese education.

Mr Kerik, who joined the Gerakan only a few days before the poll, was a leading member of the United Chinese School Teachers Association.

Dr Tan was making his

second attempt at the seat.

In 1978, when he was still in Petaling (he is now in the DAP), he contested against the Barisan's Dr Tan Tiong Hong and lost.

Dr Tan Tiong Hong won a landslide victory in Raub, Pahang, today.

Dr T. Seng Giau, a protégé of former opposition leader Tan Sri Dr Tan Chee Khuan, said this morning: "I expected a wider margin of victory." He said he had expected 80 per cent of the votes.

Dr Tan added that his victory was a milestone in his party's history and the beginning of a long political struggle for him.

The independent candidate in the constituency, teacher Isah Ibrahim, 27, polled only 613 votes and lost his deposit.

Damansara made a slow and late start at the counting station, and the count continued grinding along at a snail's pace through the night.

At 1.30 a.m., less than half the ballot boxes had been opened. The battle looked like being close.

Barisan candidate Tan Koon Swan seemed to have done well in Segambut, Sungai Pechala, Bukit Larian and Bukit Bangsar, but not in Kolum Ayer and the Tiong Nam settlement, two traditionally opposition voting Chinese areas.

In Kelantan, "giant-killer" Datuk Haji Mohamed Ali thanked vo-

ters and said he was grateful for their support in defeating Datuk Awi Hoesad. His victory clearly showed that the PAS campaign style was not accepted by the voters.

In Penang, the charisma of Enock Avram Ibrahim, the former Abim leader, proved absolutely decisive in the parliamentary constituency of Permatang Pauh.

He handily defeated the PAS candidate, Haji Zabidi AS, who had won in 1978 by a whopping 14,352 majority. Haji Zabidi polled only 4,977 votes.

However, Penang MCA leader Mr Lim Kean Siew found his short State Assembly career ended after only two years when he was narrowly defeated by the DAP's Teoh Yek Hui, the man he had beaten in a by-election in Jelutau, 1981.

Mr Lim's victory then had devastated the DAP, which had set up to them claimed to be aiming to take over the Penang State Government in the next general election.

In the bitter internal DAP jockeying that followed, a stream of party officials who had won election in 1978 to Parliament or State Assemblies in voting Chinese areas — in Penang and Malacca switched to either the MCA or the Gerakan.



Datuk Musa casting his vote in Jalan Gurney school.