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HEADLINE: CHRONOLOGY OF BARISAN NASIONAL'S VICTORY

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KUALA LUMPUR: The Barisan Nasional secured two-thirds majority in the Dewan Rakyat after winning 146 out of the 219 Parliamentary seats at 1.46 earlier this morning, Bernama flashed three minutes later.

Here's a chronology of the major results as filed by Bernama last night and early today: * 11.52pm: BN is returned to power in Malacca after winning a simple majority of 15 out of 28 State seats, becoming the first State to achieve this.

* 11.59pm: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi retains the Kepala Batas Parliamentary seat in Penang.

* 12.11am: BN is returned to power in Sabah after winning a simple majority of 31 out of 60 seats.

* 12.17am: BN is returned to power in Perlis after winning a simple majority of eight out of 15 seats.

* 12.18am: BN recaptures Terengganu after winning a simple majority of 17 out of 32 seats.

* 12.30am: BN is returned to power in Pahang, winning a simple majority of 22 out of 42 seats.

* 12.32am: Pas president and Terengganu Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang retains the Ru Rendang State seat.

This must have come as a shock to those surfing a particular local on-line news website which had earlier reported that Abdul Hadi had lost his State seat.

* 12.53am: BN is returned to power in Johor after winning a simple majority of 29 out of 56 seats.

* 12.55am: Pas' Abdul Hadi Awang loses the Marang Parliamentary seat in Terengganu.

* 12.57am: BN is returned to power when it clinched 110 out of the 219 Parliamentary seats at stake.

* 1.02am: Pas' spiritual leader and Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat retains the Chempaka State seat, it is confirmed.

This must have also come as a shock to those surfing a particular local on-line news website which had earlier reported that Nik Abdul Aziz had lost his State seat.

* 1.11am: DAP chairman Lim Kit Siang is confirmed to have won the Ipoh Timur seat in Perak.

* 1.30am: BN is returned to power in Kedah after winning a simple majority of 19 out of 36 seats.

* 1.47am: BN is returned to power in Perak after winning a simple

majority of 30 out of 59 seats.

* 1.49am: As said above, BN has secured two-thirds majority in the Dewan Rakyat after winning 146 out of the 219 Parliamentary seats.

* 2.00am: BN is returned to power in Negri Sembilan after winning a simple majority of 19 out of 36 seats.

* 2.40am: BN is returned to power in Penang after winning a simple majority of 21 out of 40 seats.

* 2.16am: Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Najib **Tun Abdul Razak** retains the Pekan Parliamentary seat in Pahang.

* 3.07am: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, grateful for the BN's resounding victory, pledged to form a government that will take Malaysia towards excellence, glory and distinction.

* 3.20am: BN is returned to power in Selangor after winning a simple majority of 29 out of 56 seats.

* 7.00am: As at 6.50am, the state of the parties in the Dewan Rakyat comprised BN with 195 seats, DAP with 10, Pas with six, and Independent with one.

The results of seven constituencies are yet to be announced as the Election Commission has ordered a recount, namely, Permatang Pauh, Ipoh Barat, Bukit Bintang, Kota Melaka, Sik, Pendang and Machang.

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