

MAHATHIR - ELECTION

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KUALA LUMPUR, JULY 23<sup>rd</sup> (BERNAMA) — THE RESULTS OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION IN SARAWAK SHOW THAT VOTING HAD NOT BEEN ALONG COMMUNAL LINES, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

HE SAID THAT THE PEOPLE HAD ELECTED BARISAN NASIONAL CANDIDATES BECAUSE THEY REALISED THAT ONLY THE BARISAN COULD ENSURE SECURITY AND BRING PROSPERITY.

ALTHOUGH SEVERAL SUPP MEMBERS CONTESTED THE ELECTION AS INDEPENDENTS, THE PEOPLE STILL VOTED FOR THE BARISAN.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IN THE BANDAR KUCHING CONSTITUENCY, THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT, TAN SRI ONG KEE HUI OF THE BARISAN, POLLED 14,813 VOTES AGAINST ONLY 5,089 VOTES OBTAINED BY HIS INDEPENDENT OPPONENT.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OPENING THE DELEGATES MEETING OF THE MALAYSIAN ASSOCIATION OF YOUTH CLUBS (MAYC) HERE. — BERNAMA MORE 1525/A1

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HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE BARISAN WOULD CONTINUE TO HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE IN FUTURE ELECTIONS.

HE SAID THAT WITH THE BARISAN'S OVERWHELMING VICTORY, FOREIGN INVESTORS WOULD HAVE GREATER CONFIDENCE IN THE COUNTRY'S INVESTMENT CLIMATE.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO THE MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY, SAID HE WOULD VISIT VARIOUS COUNTRIES INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN NEXT YEAR TO WOO MORE INVESTORS TO COME HERE.

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