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IPOH; JULY 3 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY DESCRIBED THE BARISAN NASIONAL VICTORY IN THE OYA STATE BY-ELECTION IN SARAWAK AS A CLEAR INDICATION OF THE PEOPLE'S CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT.

THE VICTORY WAS NOT A +FLUKE+ BUT WAS DUE TO THE SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PARTI PESAKA BUMIPUTERA BERSATU SARAWAK (PBB) IN PARTICULAR AND THE BN IN GENERAL.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WHO IS ALSO BN CHAIRMAN WAS PROUD OF THE SUCCESS OF BN CANDIDATE WAN MADZIHI MAHDZAR AND EXTENDED HIS CONGRATULATIONS TO SARAWAK CHIEF MINISTER DATUK PATINGGI HAJI ABDUL TAIB MAHMUD WHO IS STATE BN CHAIRMAN.

HE WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS IN HIS HOTEL ROOM HERE AFTER A CLOSED-DOOR MEETING WITH CHIEF MINISTERS AND MENTERIS BESAR ATTENDING THE 138TH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF RULERS.

IN THE TWO-DAY STAGGERED POLLING THAT BEGAN ON TUESDAY, WAN MADZIHI RECEIVED 4,215 VOTES, DEFEATING INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE AND THE INCUMBENT DATUK HAJI SALLEH JAFFARUDDIN WHO OBTAINED 2,460. -- MORE (ENDS CORRECTED REPETITION)  
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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE VICTORY SHOULD BE AN +EYE-OPENER+ TO QUARTERS WHO HAD MADE VARIOUS ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE CHIEF MINISTER.

HE DESCRIBED AS +COMPLETELY UNTRUE+ THE CLAIMS THAT THERE WAS A GROUP INCLUDING DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER GHAFAR BABA WHICH SUPPORTED THE INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE.

ON HIS DISCUSSION WITH THE CHIEF MINISTERS AND MENTERIS BESAR, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID IT WAS ONLY TO ASSESS UMNO'S AND THE BN'S POSITION IN EACH STATE.

THE DISCUSSION HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE UMNO POLITICAL BUREAU MEETING AS SPECULATED BY THE NEWSPAPERS.

ALL CHIEF MINISTERS AND MENTERIS BESAR ATTENDED THE MEETING EXCEPT FOR DATUK PATINGGI HAJI ABDUL TAIB. -- MORE  
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EARLIER, GERAKAN PRESIDENT DATUK DR LIM KHENG YAIK WHEN INTERVIEWED SAID THE BN ELECTORAL TRIUMPH REFLECTED THE PEOPLE'S FULL CONFIDENCE IN DATUK PATINGGI HAJI ABDUL TAIB'S LEADERSHIP AS STATE BN CHAIRMAN.

HE CONGRATULATED THE CHIEF MINISTER ON THE WIN.

PERAK MENTERI BESAR DATUK SERI RAMLI NGAH TALIB FELT THAT THE VICTORY DEMONSTRATED THE PEOPLE'S SUPPORT FOR THE BN AND SAID HE BELIEVED THE SAME SUPPORT WOULD BE GIVEN IN THE COMING GENERAL ELECTION. -- BERNAMA  
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