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KUALA LUMPUR, AUG 4 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID THIS MORNING THE BARISAN NASIONAL'S TWO-THIRD MAJORITY WIN IN THE GENERAL ELECTION REFLECTED THE PEOPLE'S CONFIDENCE IN ALL THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID BECAUSE OF THIS HE HAD NOT GIVEN THOUGHT TO CHANGING ANY OF THE POLICIES.

HE SAID THE VICTORY ALSO SHOWED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD ALWAYS BEEN TRUE TO ITS WORD, THAT ITS POLICIES WERE PROPER, AND HAD PROVED WRONG THE RUMOURS AND ALLEGATIONS ABOUT THE COUNTRY'S CAPABILITIES AND INTEGRITY OF ITS LEADERS.

HE TOLD REPORTERS AT DEWAN MERDEKA AT THE PUTRA WORLD TRADE CENTRE HERE WHICH HAD BEEN TURNED INTO A PRESS CENTRE THAT HE WAS SATISFIED THAT THE PREDICTION OF A BN TWO-THIRD MAJORITY WIN HAD BEEN REALISED.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID EVEN THOUGH THERE WERE SOME +SURPRISE+ RESULTS, THE NUMBER OF SEATS (THE BN HAD SECURED 121 AT THE TIME) THE COALITION WON WAS SATISFACTORY. -- MORE
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HE ALSO SAID IT WAS TOO EARLY FOR HIM TO DETERMINE NEW OBJECTIVES HE MIGHT PURSUE AS SUCH AN IMPORTANT MATTER HAD TO BE FIRST DISCUSSED WITH HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE CABINET AND WITH LEADERS OF THE COMPONENT PARTIES IN THE BN.

WHAT WAS IMPORTANT AFTER WINNING THE ELECTION WAS TO ENSURE THE CONTINUATION OF WHAT WAS BEING IMPLEMENTED WITHOUT ANYMORE INTERFERENCE FROM QUARTERS WISHING TO UNDERMINE THE STABILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT, HE SAID.

ON HIS NEW CABINET, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID HE WOULD TRY TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

HE SAID THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY OF SOME RESHUFFLING, ADDING THAT THOSE APPOINTED WOULD BE THE MOST SUITABLE FOR THE RESPECTIVE PORTFOLIOS.

ON THE GENERAL ELECTION, HE SAID HE WAS GLAD IT HAD PROCEEDED PEACEFULLY AND ORDERLY. -- MORE
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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THIS WAS BECAUSE THE PEOPLE HAD REALISED THE IMPORTANCE OF PRACTISING DEMOCRACY IN A DEVELOPING AND MULTIRACIAL COUNTRY LIKE MALAYSIA.

HE THANKED THE PEOPLE, THE OPPOSITION, POLICE AND OTHER SECURITY FORCES PERSONNEL, GOVERNMENT WORKERS AND THE ELECTION COMMISSION FOR THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE ELECTION.

HE ALSO SAID HE WAS GLAD THAT THE FEELING OF CONCERN BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE AUTHORITIES THAT SOMETHING UNTOWARD MIGHT OCCUR DURING THE PERIOD BEFORE THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ELECTION AND DURING THE CAMPAIGNING AND POLLING HAD NOT COME TRUE.

HE BELIEVED THIS WAS BECAUSE THE SHORT CAMPAIGNING PERIOD HAD NOT ALLOWED FEELINGS TO RUN BEYOND AN UNDESIRABLE LEVEL.

HE SAID THAT DURING THE PERIOD, ALL PARTIES CONTESTING HAD BEEN ABLE TO IMPART THEIR MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE WITHOUT PROBLEMS. --
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