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KUALA LUMPUR, AUG 4 (BERNAMA) -- THE BARISAN NASIONAL WILL CONDUCT A POST-MORTEM ON THE POOR SHOWING BY TWO OF ITS COMPONENT PARTIES -- THE MCA AND THE GERAKAN -- IN THE GENERAL ELECTION, PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

BESIDES THE BN ITSELF CARRYING OUT A POST-MORTEM, THE TWO PARTIES SHOULD PONDER DEEPLY WHY THEY DID NOT PERFORM WELL, HE SAID. SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE PUTRA WORLD TRADE CENTRE (PWTC) HERE AFTER THE RESULTS HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED, HE SAID IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE DAP HAD OBTAINED VOTES WHICH SHOULD HAVE BEEN SECURED BY THE BN PARTIES.

HE SAID THAT THIS COULD HAVE BEEN DUE TO THE NEW AND YOUNG VOTERS WHO THOUGHT DIFFERENTLY ABOUT THE POLICIES IMPLEMENTED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

ALSO, VOTERS IN URBAN AREAS DID NOT ALWAYS HAVE LOYALTY TOWARDS THE PARTY AND, IN FACT, HAD CHANGED THEIR MINDS FROM ONE GENERAL ELECTION TO THE OTHER, HE SAID.

IN 1982 THEY VOTED FOR THE BN BUT NOW THEY CHOSE THE OPPOSITION AND MIGHT VOTE AGAIN FOR THE BN IN THE NEXT ELECTION, HE ADDED. -- MORE

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EXPRESSING DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE DEFEAT SUFFERED BY THE MCA AND THE GERAKAN, HE SAID IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY THE PROPOGANDA OF THE OPPOSITION PARTIES AND QUESTION OF THE PERSONALITY OF THE BN CANDIDATES THEMSELVES.

ON THE DAP VICTORY IN THE FOUR PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES IN SABAH, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE BN ITSELF HAD DOUBTS IN GAYA, TANJUNG ARU, SANDAKAN AND TAWAU.

THE BN HAD PREDICTED THAT TWO OF THE SEATS WOULD GO TO THE DAP AND THAT THE OTHER TWO WERE A 50-50 CASE, HE ADDED. -- BERNAMA
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