

Dr Mahathir unveils BN manifesto

Out: Extremism and fanaticism

- More education opportunities
- More low cost houses and jobs.
- Assurance on Chinese and Tamil schools

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KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. — The fight against fanaticism and extremism, promotion of national unity, eradication of poverty and freedom of worship — this is the thrust of the 13-point Barisan Nasional manifesto unveiled by **Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad** today.

The manifesto, with the slogan "The People's Champion," also pledges to provide more education opportunities and gives an assurance that Chinese and Tamil medium schools will be allowed to continue, more low-cost houses will be built and jobs provided.

Foreigners will not be employed at the expense of Malaysians and all illegal immigrants will be deported.

The Barisan has a tradition of protecting the people, regardless of their social standing, and it is the only coalition which is sincere in promoting peace and unity among the races.

Its long record of this is proof that it is the "champion of the people".

The other pledges in the manifesto are:

- Culture: Evolution of a Malaysian culture without eliminating the culture of any community;

- A liberal, moderate and tolerant society: The people will be free to act according to their conscience, need and aspirations;

- A democratic society: Guaranteeing the

freedom of the people;

- Social justice: Poverty and inequalities among the people will continue to be redressed;

- National pride and foreign policy: It will seek to command the respect of other nations and stand up for its rights;

- Balanced development: Encourage heavy, medium and light industries without neglecting the agricultural sector.

Leaders of the Barisan component parties were present at the ceremony.

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"I am confident that the rakyat will understand the Barisan's aspiration to serve them again.

"I am also confident that the people will support the Barisan and return it with a two-thirds majority for the well-being of all."

Several Opposition parties have tried to form a pact like the Barisan's but they are doing it just for the polls.

The Alliance and now the Barisan has had a coalition since 1951 but the opposition parties only get together during elections.

"If there are other coalitions that are now saying they will protect the people, they are only doing so for the elections

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and cannot be trusted."

"What sort of coalition is it when all the members contest for the same seats?"

As the people's representative, the Barisan's promise to preserve national unity is more meaningful.

"In truth, the other parties are not at all interested in national unity. That is why, after the elections, these parties create issues to cause disunity among the communities."

Pas cannot unite the Muslims because it has labelled certain Muslims as *kafir* (infidels) and prevented them from mingling with others in the community.

Unlike the Opposition, the Barisan places importance on peace, unity and the well-being of the people, said Dr Mahathir.