

# 'WE'LL GET TWO-THIRD MAJORITY'

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. — Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is confident the Barisan Nasional will be returned to power with more than a two-third majority.

The Prime Minister was convinced that voters would again support the present Government as they realised that only a strong and responsible Government could guarantee their future.

"Only a strong and responsible Government can protect the people's interest and provide them with all sorts of facilities."

There should be no reason for the people to doubt the Government's promises as it had always fulfilled them and would continue to do so.

## Many facilities

"In many aspects, what the Government has done is far better than in many other developing countries.

"In certain aspects, such as education facilities and the ability to ensure peace and stability, even some developed countries lose out to us."

Opening the Damansara Jaya Primary School near here, the Prime Minister said the people's living standard had greatly im-

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proved.

"In urban as well as rural areas, a lot of development projects have been carried out and many houses and schools have been built."

Such challenging tasks, he said, could only be implemented successfully by a strong, responsible and committed Government.

"The opposition will not be able to undertake such heavy tasks. They are only good at opposing whatever the Government does or plans to do."

He urged the people to be wise when voting. If they made the wrong choice they would suffer.

The Prime Minister said candidates were not important in any general election because some of them might only be interested in winning seats, but would not be able to fulfil their promises.

"What is important, therefore, is for the people to ensure that the Government they choose is responsible and sympathetic to their needs."

Dr Mahathir said they should be wary of opposition parties as they were only interested in becoming *wakil rakyat* to oppose the Government.

"When they do not get what they want, they resort to court action to thwart Government efforts."

He cited as an example the DAP's unsuccessful bid for a court injunction to stop the general election.

He was convinced that the people would not want a weak Government as it would not be able to ensure peace and stability, let alone meet the people's needs.

## Court action

A weak Government, he said, would not be able to act effectively because it would be afraid of criticism from the people.

"If it finds itself losing support, it won't dare act."

Dr Mahathir said such a Government would confine itself to political matters to ensure its popularity and would ignore the people's problems in the process.

He said now that prosperity and racial harmony were prevalent in the country, the people should help preserve them.

The Government, he said, had been giving serious attention to such matters and did not want to see them threatened.

"It is now for the people to ensure that peace, stability and racial harmony continue to prevail."