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KUCHING, JULY 30 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD IS CONFIDENT THE BARISAN NASIONAL WILL OBTAIN A LANDSLIDE VICTORY IN THE GENERAL ELECTION JUDGING FROM THE CURRENT SUPPORT SHOWN THE BN GOVERNMENT BY THE PEOPLE.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HIS ASSESSMENT WAS BASED ON HIS CAMPAIGN TOUR OF SEVERAL STATES SINCE NOMINATION DAY LAST THURSDAY.

THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE SHOWED SUPPORT FOR THE BN GOVERNMENT, HE TOLD REPORTERS AT KUCHING INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BEFORE LEAVING FOR IPOH TO CONTINUE HIS ELECTION TOUR OF THE COUNTRY.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS BARISAN NASIONAL CHAIRMAN, ARRIVED HERE YESTERDAY ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH, TO OPEN A ROAD IN SIMUNJAN IN THE FIRST DIVISION. -- MORE  
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+THE PEOPLE'S SUPPORT FOR THE BN IS NOW CLEAR AND IT LOOKS LIKE IT WILL GET MORE THAN A TWO-THIRD MAJORITY,+ HE SAID.

THE BN WON SIX PARLIAMENTARY AND EIGHT STATE SEATS UNCONTESTED ON NOMINATION DAY.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE BARISAN NASIONAL WOULD WIN ALL 24 PARLIAMENTARY SEATS IN SARAWAK IF THE CANDIDATES AND THEIR SUPPORTERS WORKED HARD.

HE ALSO STRESSED THE NEED FOR UNITY AMONG THE PEOPLE TO ENSURE CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE BN GOVERNMENT. -- MORE  
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+I BELIEVE THE PEOPLE OF SARAWAK WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE BN GOVERNMENT BECAUSE OF THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT IT HAS BROUGHT TO THE STATE,+ HE SAID.

TWO OF THE SIX PARLIAMENTARY SEATS WON UNCONTESTED ARE IN SARAWAK. FEDERAL CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORTS MINISTER DATUK DR SULAIMAN DAUD WAS RETURNED UNOPPOSED IN SANTUBONG WHILE DEPUTY DEFENCE MINISTER DATUK ABANG ABU BAKAR MUSTAPHA IN PALOH.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID A BIG BN VICTORY IN SARAWAK WAS VITAL TO ENSURE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT.

SUCH A VICTORY WOULD FURTHER STRENGTHEN COOPERATION BETWEEN THE FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS AND THERE WOULD ALSO BE EFFECTIVE SARAWAK REPRESENTATION IN PARLIAMENT AND THE FEDERAL CABINET, HE SAID. -- MORE  
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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE DAP AND PAS HAD A SECRET ELECTORAL PACT IN PENINSULAR MALAYSIA TO DENY VICTORY TO BN CANDIDATES.

HE FELT THAT THE PACT WOULD NOT WORK BECAUSE THE LEADERS OF THE TWO PARTIES FREQUENTLY BROKE THEIR PROMISE.

THE PRIME MINISTER AND HIS WIFE WERE SEEN OFF BY SARAWAK CHIEF MINISTER DATUK PATINGGI HAJI ABDUL TAIB MAHMUD AND HIS WIFE DATIN PATINGGI LAILA AND OTHER STATE DIGNITARIES. -- BERNAMA  
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