

# Vote for the party not the <sup>(P)</sup> man: Dr M

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PENANG, Wed. — Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today told the people to vote for the Barisan Nasional regardless of the candidates contesting under its banner.

What is important is that by casting their votes for them, they are voting for the BN — a system they are used to and a system that has dedicated itself to serving the *rakyat*.

It should not matter that the candidates may be from Umno, MCA, Gerakan, PPP, PBB in Sarawak, the PBS in Sabah or the other component parties of the Barisan Nasional.

"What is important is that their victory represents the victory of the BN," he said at the

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opening of the Jalan Kedah flats today.

He had earlier raised the point when addressing election workers from the Barisan Nasional component parties in the State.

The Prime Minister, who flew in by helicopter from Taipei, said the election workers must stress this point and work harder to ensure the victory of all the BN candidates in the State.

He and Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah were given a rousing welcome in Jalan Kedah by the people in the area, which is in

the Tanjong parliamentary constituency, and by those who have benefited from the low-cost housing project.

Among those present were Chief Minister Dr Lim Chong Eu, BN candidate for Tanjong Dr Koh Tsu Koon and State leaders of the BN component parties.

Dr Mahathir also opened the Lanchang market and community hall complex in Jalan Batu Lanchang before leaving for Kuala Lumpur.

Speaking at these functions, he said the BN Government had implemented these and other projects as the people needed them.

Independence and progress had led to rising expectations

among the people and the Government, always sensitive to their needs, had implemented them.

"The opposition accused us of being extravagant when we built the Penang bridge.

"That's not true. The Gerakan promised the people of the State the bridge in its manifesto for the 1969 general election. The Alliance, too, had earlier made a similar pledge.

"When the Gerakan joined the Barisan Nasional and in view of the people's continued support, the Government cannot help but to honour the pledge," he said.

The Government is aware of

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the flood woes faced by residents in Jalan P. Ramlee during heavy rain and a flood mitigation project will be implemented soon to alleviate their problem.

A study costing \$4.5 million will commence next year.

He said while the Government implements projects for the urban areas, it has not forgotten the rural areas.

"In fact, more projects have been and are being carried out in the rural areas in view of their neglect under the British," he said.

The BN is the *People's Champion* and under its Government no one will be forgotten and no area will be neglected.

"Financial constraints have prevented us from carrying out all the needed projects at the same time but people in areas not getting the projects at present should not be disappointed as they will eventually get theirs," he said.

On the DAP's ambition in Penang, he said the dictatorial manner in which party secretary-general Lim Kit Siang runs the party should be warning enough about how he would run the State should the party come to power.

But the people are lucky as the party will not be able to capture the State.

Earlier in **Taiping**, after arriving from Kuching via Ipoh, he warned the people of the co-operation between the DAP and Pas.

He said the community under Ibrahim Libya in Memali should deter people from supporting Pas.

"Do not be deluded by the party's manifesto," he said addressing himself primarily to the non-Muslims.

The manifesto contradicts the party's objective of setting up an Islamic State but Pas has issued it so that it could get support for the election.

It does not care whether it is going to honour it or not for its objective is to win seats in the election, he told a gathering of party supporters.