

For stability

BIG BARISAN WIN NEEDED, SAYS DR M

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THE people have been urged to give their support to all Barisan Nasional candidates, irrespective of the party they belong to.

In making this call after a meeting with BN leaders in Penang yesterday, the coalition's chairman and Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, said who the candidates are is not important.

What counts is that the BN as a whole must secure a 100 per cent win in the election, he stressed.

"We must remember that whoever stands in Penang or elsewhere is unimportant. If he wins but the rest are unsuccessful his party will not be able to form a strong government. His victory is insignificant. What can the individual do?" he asked.

"What is important, therefore, is that the the BN must win comfortably to form a stable government. The people must see that BN candidates get more seats in the coming election," he said.

The Prime Minister said a weak government will not be able to rule the country effectively and help the people.

In a weak government, the elected representatives will be more interested in politicking to ensure that their positions are secure. These people will also be afraid to make decisions as their positions are unstable.

Dr Mahathir, saying that there is no government which can please all quarters, pointed out that some decisions or policies made will somehow be criticised by a minority group.

However, he said, if the Government has majority support, it will not fear the minority and can overcome any problems easily.

He said any problems in the BN government can be solved through cooperation and consultation.

The Prime Minister later opened the Kedah Road flats and a market at Jalan Batu Lancang. At the flats, Dr Ma-

hathir said a study of flood prone areas in Caunter Hall will be undertaken next year. This is expected to cost the Government about \$4.5 million.

On the DAP, Dr Mahathir said its leader, Mr Lim Kit Siang, has lost his integrity by moving from one constituency to another. Mr Lim has moved from Kota Melaka to the parliamentary constituency of Tanjung in Penang.

He said Mr Lim is a dictator in his party and no one dares to oppose him, not even Penang DAP chairman Karpal Singh.

He called upon the people in Tanjung to give their support to the incumbent, Barisan Nasional candidate Dr Koh Tsu Koon.

Dr Mahathir will address farmers at Tambun Tulang in the Mada area 18 km from Kangar when he visits Perlis on Friday.

Barisan Nasional election candidates and Menteri Besar Datuk Haji Ali Ahmad will also be present at the gathering.

Dr Mahathir is also sche-

duled to open the Mara arcade in Kangar before that.

Meanwhile, Trade and Industry Minister Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah has alleged that an opposition party is preparing to launch an armed revolution to gain power in the country.

He said it has resorted to this as its efforts to gain power through democratic means in the past have failed.

Tengku Razaleigh said the party's leaders have directed their followers, particularly the young, to be prepared.

"We also know that the party's leaders sent their supporters to several countries for training," he said at a political ceramah in Kuala Besut Tuesday night.

"Whom do they want to wage war with if not those they consider obstacles to their efforts to gain power?" he asked.

He urged Muslims to stop the trend toward extremism and show their contempt for it by renewing the mandate of the Barisan Nasional Government.