

# Whirlwind tour to inspire confidence

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# Kelantan on

**KOTA BARU, Thurs.** — Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today made a whirlwind tour of Kelantan and inspired Barisan Nasional election workers with his confidence that the party will win at least 26 of the 39 State seats in the general election.

"From now on you must concentrate your efforts in areas touted as Pas strongholds," he added, saying that his confidence was based on reports received from his deputy, Encik Ghafar Baba, and Menteri Besar Datuk Mohamed Yaacob.

Datuk Mohamed, who accompanied the Prime Minister, said: "We may yet make it a clean sweep. We will now have to work harder.

"Things looked bad for us in the beginning, but with the final spurt of effort, we may just be

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able to make it a clean sweep."

Dr Mahathir also met and addressed the people and told them not to be misled by Pas which is contesting all the seats in the State.

The Barisan Nasional will continue to rule the State, he said in Kota Baru, Bachok, Machang and Kuala Krai.

He told Barisan Nasional workers to work harder. "Surely we do not want to be the opposition again in the State," he said.

"Eighteen years should be enough for the party and the people in Kelantan," he said referring to the period when Pas ruled Kelantan which fell to the Barisan Nasional only in 1978.

Dr Mahathir urged Barisan Nasional election workers, especially those from Umno, to work for the interests of the party and the people of the State and not those of candidates or individuals.

"Our victory is in the interest of the well-being of the people and not individuals," he said alluding to the unwillingness of certain party members to work for the victory of certain candidates as they were dissatisfied with the choice.

He called on those from Umno who had not been selected as candidates to continue serving the party and to come out to help the Barisan Nasional candidates.

Members of the MCA, MIC and Hamim should support Barisan Nasional candidates even though their own nominees had not been selected, he said.

The Prime Minister and Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah arrived at noon after a two-hour stop in Terengganu where he laid the foundation stone of a silk-weaving factory belonging to Permint Sutera Sdn Bhd, a subsidiary of the State Economic Development Corporation.

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# Assurance on land ownership problems

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Unlike at the Kuala Terengganu airport, there was no ceremonial welcome for the Prime Minister and his wife at the airport in Kota Baru as most leaders of the component parties were busy preparing for his arrival at the various districts while the rest were busy campaigning and had been told not to allow the visit to interfere with their schedule.

During the hectic seven-hour visit, Dr Mahathir had a closed-door lunch meeting with some party leaders, addressed election workers, met with Chinese community leaders in Kota Baru, opened the Bachok Umno building in Jelawat, opened a stretch of road in Labok, Machang, and opened the Kuala Krai Vocational Secondary School.

At the meeting with the Chinese community leaders, Dr Mahathir gave them the assurance that the Government would give due consideration to their land ownership problems.

He said the Menteri Besar had told him that several applications for land conversion from the Chinese community had already been considered and approved by the State Government.

He said he would discuss other land ownership problems with the State Government after the elections.

Speaking in Bachok, Dr Mahathir criticised Pas for not including its original policies of making all languages official, abolishing the special rights of the Malays and making Malaysia an Islamic State in its election manifesto.

He said Pas did not state its pledge on making all languages official in the manifesto because it feared the Malays in the East Coast States of

keep.

He said Pas had accused all those who did not conform to its beliefs as infidels but the party changed this stand when it wanted to gain support from the non-Muslims.

He said the Muslims in the country were united before Pas came into the picture, but the situation had changed since.

Dr Mahathir said that in its manifesto, Pas also stated that it would uphold peace in the country but he wondered how the party could achieve this if its leaders were immature.

He said Pas had committed a serious injustice to many Muslims in this country by calling them infidels.

He hit out at Terengganu Pas commissioner Haji Hadi Awang who had called many Muslims infidels without studying their cases.

He said Haji Hadi should not be made a people's representative and the struggle of his party should be brushed aside.

He said Pas had shown that it could stab from the back when it contested for seats which other parties in the united front also contested.

He asked the people to vote for Barisan candidates because only the Barisan could deliver the goods.

Peninsular Malaysia would protest.

Pas also did not state that it wanted to make Malaysia an Islamic State for fear of losing support from the non-Malays.

He said Pas had changed its policies several times simply for the sake of gaining support in the election.

He challenged Pas to state its stand on the languages and the other issues clearly to the people and let them judge for themselves.

He said Pas had made promises it would not be able to keep because it knew that it would not win the elections.

He said the Barisan only made reasonable promises in elections which it knew it could