

# Polis result proves I'm no dictator: Dr M

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SIK, Sat. — Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today the Barisan Nasional would have won the Johore Baru parliamentary by-election if he was a dictator as some people claimed.

The Prime Minister said in countries ruled by dictators Government candidates would win any election, including securing victories with almost 100 per cent majority.

He was speaking at the launch of the Kedah Loyalty with the People (Semarak) campaign at the Kampung Charok Kit recreation area this evening.

More than 100,000 people attended the launch — the largest number to date.

Dr Mahathir also dismissed claims of fraud in the Johore Baru by-election as "a pack of lies".

If there had been cheating, the Barisan Nasional would have won, he added.

"In this case, the Barisan Nasional candidate did not even secure half the total votes cast.

"These people are liars who are cheating the people for their selfish interests.

"They do not have the people's welfare at heart but were bent on instilling hatred against the leaders."

He said these people would stoop to the lowest to achieve their personal objectives.

They even collaborated with another group which was known to be against Government policies, including those designed to help the Malays.

All these were being done merely to achieve a "little success" in a parliamentary by-election.

Dr Mahathir likened these people to those who had sold out the country to foreigners in the early days.

"Unfortunately some people have been influenced by them without realising the repercussions," he said.

He believed voters in other constituencies would not be misled by such lies.

"These people have no programmes for the benefit of the people, unlike the Barisan Nasional which implements projects for the benefit of all."