
PM urges Bt Bintang voters to reject the DAP

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. — Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has urged the Bukit Bintang electorate to reject the DAP candidate in the next general election.

The Prime Minister said that in the past, the people had voted for incumbent MP Lee Lam Thye because "he is hard-working and efficient."

"Mr Lee was then the hero. We are not angry with him because he has done a good job, worked hard and helped the people. That's why the people voted him in. But now that he is not seeking re-election, there is no need to vote his replacement from that party," Dr Mahathir said when opening a training course for Federal Territory hawkers and petty traders at the Putra World Trade Centre here.

Dr Mahathir said he could not understand why the Barisan Nasional could not win in the Bukit Bintang constituency.

"We will field a suitable candidate and I appeal to the people to support him," he said.

Later, speaking to newsmen, Dr Mahathir said that the Barisan would field a Chinese candidate in Bukit Bintang as the area has a Chinese majority.

He said Mr Lee's decision to quit politics was not surprising because his political style was different from the extremist and chauvinistic ways of the present DAP leadership.

"I agree with (Deputy Prime Minister) Ghafar Baba's opinion. Although Mr Lee did not want to admit it, it is generally known that his style differs from those of other DAP leaders," Dr Mahathir said.