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KUALA LUMPUR, OCT 12 (BERNAMA) -- THE BARISAN NASIONAL TODAY UNVEILED ITS ELECTION MANIFESTO WHICH GIVES EMPHASIS TO THE STRUGGLE FOR ALL COMMUNITIES THROUGH A COMMON APPROACH.

PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID THE MANIFESTO, ON THE THEME +TOWARDS A PEACEFUL, STABLE AND PROSPEROUS MALAYSIA+, WAS AIMED AT REMINDING THE PEOPLE THAT THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED SO FAR DID NOT COME ON ITS OWN.

+IT CAME THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF BN LED BY MODERATE LEADERS AND THEY HAVE SUCCEEDED IN CREATING A PEACEFUL, STABLE AND PROSPEROUS NATION,+ HE SAID WHEN ANNOUNCING THE MANIFESTO AT THE UMNO HEADQUARTERS HERE.

HE SAID BN BELIEVED THAT EVERY DECISION MADE THROUGH DISCUSSIONS, IRRESPECTIVE OF ISSUES, SUCCEEDED IN CREATING THE PRESENT SITUATION.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE BN ISSUED ONLY ONE MANIFESTO FOR ALL COMPONENT PARTIES TO ENSURE UNIFORMITY IN THE OBJECTIVES TO BE ACHIEVE WHEN THE PARTY FORMED THE GOVERNMENT AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTION.

ALTHOUGH THE MANIFESTO WAS ISSUED IN ALL MAJOR LANGUAGES IN THE COUNTRY, THE CONTENT WAS THE SAME AND THIS SHOWED THAT THE BN COMPONENT PARTIES DID NOT HAVE DIFFERENT STANDS FOR DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES, HE ADDED.

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID IT WAS THE DESIRE OF THE BN TO WIN THE GENERAL ELECTION +TO CONTINUE OUR STRUGGLE FOR THE PEOPLE.+

+MALAYSIA IS A DEMOCRATIC NATION AND THE BN WILL ALWAYS UPHOLD THIS PRINCIPLE,+ HE ADDED.

HE SAID THE BN STAND HAD BEEN PROVEN THROUGH PREVIOUS ELECTIONS, WHERE THE OPPOSITION HAD NEVER BEEN PREVENTED FROM FORMING STATE GOVERNMENTS WHERE THEY HAD WON, LIKE IN KELANTAN, PULAU PINANG AND SABAH.

THE PRIME MINISTER THEN EXPLAINED THE CONTENTS OF THE MANIFESTO, WHICH COVERED POLITICAL DEMOCRACY, ECONOMIC PROGRESS, EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, FINANCE, AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, SOCIAL, EDUCATION, HEALTH, RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, NATIONAL UNITY AND INTERGRATION, ADMINISTRATION AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

THE MANIFESTO, PUBLISHED IN MALAY, ENGLISH, MANDARIN, TAMIL AND JAWI, BEGINS WITH A PARAGRAPH STRESSING THAT MALAYSIA IS ONE OF THE PEACEFUL, STABLE AND PROSPEROUS COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD DESPITE ITS MULTI-RACIAL AND MULTI-RELIGIOUS POPULATION. -- MORE

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THE MANIFESTO SAID SOME MALAYSIANS MIGHT TAKE FOR GRANTED THAT WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN ENJOYING SO FAR CAME NATURALLY, FOR EXAMPLE, THE HIGH STANDARD OF LIVING AND THE COUNTRY'S FIFTH POSITION AMONG THE 135 DEVELOPING NATIONS.

HOWEVER, SUCH PROGRESS DID NOT OCCUR ON ITS OWN BUT CAME ABOUT BECAUSE OF THE STABILITY AND PEACE ACHIEVED BY THE BN GOVERNMENT, ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE CONTINUOUSLY OVER THE LAST 33 YEARS, HE SAID.