

Mahathir: People appreciate govt efforts

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KAJANG, Mon. — Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today that the people have become more appreciative of government efforts to improve their lot.

The Prime Minister said from his assessment of voter sentiments so far, even urban dwellers who were in the past less responsive to the Government "are showing more positive signs."

He was speaking to reporters after meeting Selangor Barisan Nasional candidates here.

Dr Mahathir, who is confident that the Barisan would win more than two-thirds of the seats, also felt certain that it would sweep all the 20 parliamentary seats in Sabah.

Dr Mahathir, who visited Sabah during the weekend, said the independent candidates were not getting any support, adding that "whether PBS or Usno win, they are still members of the Barisan."

On Kelantan, he said many PAS members now realised that their leaders had been deceived by Semangat 46.

"Many PAS members who wanted to be candidates could not become candidates.

"Many others who stick to the principles of PAS' struggle now find that PAS no longer fight for its principles, so much so that it had dropped its ambition of forming an Islamic state," he said.