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KUALA LUMPUR, OCT 21 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD IS CONFIDENT THE BARISAN NASIONAL WILL SET UP THE NEXT GOVERNMENT AND HOPES TO GET A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY.

ON THE PERCENTAGE OF VOTER TURN-OUT, HE HOPED THAT IT WOULD BE MORE THAN 60 PER CENT. ACCORDING TO EARLY RETURNS, THE VOTER TURN-OUT WAS BETWEEN 60 AND 70 PER CENT.

+MAYBE THEY ARE NOT INTERESTED SO MUCH SO THAT THEY DO NOT TURN OUT TO CAST THEIR VOTES. IN FACT IN SOME PLACES THERE ARE SOME PARTIES WITHOUT BOOTHS,+ HE TOLD REPORTERS ON ARRIVAL AT THE ELECTION COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS HERE TO VISIT ITS OPERATIONS ROOM.

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH MOHAMED ALI AND CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT TAN SRI AHMAD SARJI ABDUL HAMID. -- BERNAMA  
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