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THE 1990 general election will go down in history as one of the most exciting and keenly fought among the eight held since Independence, but for newsmen keeping tabs on the results at the Putra World Trade Centre last night, it was one big yawn.

It was also the same in 1986 when they were denied entry to Menara Datuk Onn.

When Dr Mahathir arrived at 8.55pm, he took the elevator straight to the 39th floor where the Barisan Nasional operations room was.

News that Barisan Nasional was wiped out in Kelantan and that Penang Chief Minister Dr Lim Chong Eu had lost his Padang Kota seat to DAP secretary-general Lim Kit Siang came just after 1am.

By 1.30am, the Barisan Nasional had won a simple majority of 91 seats.

Slightly after 3am, the BN had achieved a two-third majority and a thanksgiving prayer was performed at the operations room followed by a cake-cutting victory ceremony.

Dr Mahathir was chaired by a party worker and Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Muhammad Haji Muhammad Taib.

About 3.30am, Dr Mahathir walked into Tun Hussein Onn hall for a hastily organised press conference, carried live over TV3.

Dr Mahathir was wearing the same dark-brown jacket he wore while waiting for the 1982 and 1986 general elections' results announcements.