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Sabah-Mahathir

MAHATHIR APPEALS TO SABAH VOTERS TO VOTE FOR NEW SABAH

KOTA KINABALU, Feb.15⁹⁴ (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today called on the people of Sabah to vote Barisan Nasional (BN) as it was the only coalition that could bring economic success to the state.

"As the leader of BN, I seek your support for the greater coalition which will lead us to an economic miracle for Sabah," the Prime Minister said.

In "A Personal Letter To All Sabahans", advertised in local newspapers today, he said their vote could bring about another five years of economic stagnation or a future of economic dynamism.

Saying that "this is your chance", he stressed that "the choice is with you and with no one else".

"It is you who will decide whether Sabah should continue to lag behind the other Malaysian states or whether it should become a dynamic New Sabah. It is you who must decide whether the welfare of Sabahans should be sacrificed because of the quarrel and bitterness of a few Sabah leaders," he said. -- more

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Dr Mahathir said BN had achieved peace, progress and stability for more than 37 years.

"As a result, every Malaysian or whatever race or religion has done well. Our interest is only to help Sabah get its share of the prosperity of Malaysia," he added.

As the nation stood on the threshold of the 21st century with the targets of Vision 2020 within its grasp, he said, BN did not want the people of Sabah to be left out.

He added: "Let us not waste any more time on the narrow sectarianism preached by ambitious and self-seeking politicians.

"We can together transform Sabah into an economically advanced and spiritually resilient state that will make Sabahans proud of their state and respected by everyone inside and outside Malaysia."

Dr Mahathir said he realised that the voters' responsibility "is truly a very heavy one," and he urged them to give "BN a mandate for a New Sabah - a Sabah whose potentials are fully realised and whose children will inherit its wealth and prosperity intact". -- more

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In an open letter, also advertised in the printed media, the PBS candidate for Petagas James Ligunjang said the state elections was the most crucial one ever faced by the party since its inception in 1985.

He said it was important for all Malaysians of Sabah origin to vote for a strong PBS representation in the state legislative assembly and to form a united Sabah government on Feb.20.

Saying that he believed in bridging good relationship with Federal leaders, Ligunjang also said PBS would not bargain for re-entry to BN with the welfare of the people at stake but from the position of moral strength, truth and sincerity.

On his candidacy, he said with the voters' support, he would continue to speak out fearlessly and provide a dynamic leadership befitting the aspirations of all Malaysians in Sabah, irrespective of race, religion and political creed.

Another PBS candidate who appealed for support through the newspapers was incumbent Datuk Lau Pui Keong of Karamunsing, who said that a vote for him would ensure that the administration of the state remain in the hands of the Sabah people. -- Bernama

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