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BN VICTORY INDICATES GREATER SUPPORT FROM THE PEOPLE

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LANGKAWI, May 29 ⁹⁴ (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the Barisan Nasional (BN) victory in yesterday's Shahbandar Raya by-election proves that the people's support for BN is increasing.

"I believe what Kit Siang (DAP Secretary-General) said...his party will face a strong pressure in the next general election," he said.

Dr Mahathir, who is BN Chairman and Umno President, said the opposition had expected this and thus stayed away from the by-election.

He was speaking to reporters at the airport here before leaving for Kuala Lumpur after a two-day visit here.

The Prime Minister congratulated BN workers in the by-election for their success in securing a bigger majority for BN candidate, S.S. Rajagopal.--more

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Asked if the BN victory in the Shahbandar Raya by-election would lead to an early general election, he said the BN was always prepared to face the election.

He said similar preparations were also being made in Kelantan where the chances of recapturing the state was good.

On PAS/DAP co-operation, Dr Mahathir said he believed that the people no longer supported the two parties.

"Although their leaders are prepared to co-operate, their members will not agree, especially the DAP members because of the PAS Hudud law," he said.

Dr Mahathir also said that he could not see any problem in the distribution of seats among the BN component parties.--Bernama

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