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ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD SAFEGUARD THE PEOPLE'S INTEREST

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 11 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said tonight that Barisan Nasional (BN) elected representatives should not be over-confident with the BN's success in securing a large majority in the Dewan Rakyat.

Dr Mahathir, who is BN chairman, said that they should continue to serve the people to ensure that the BN remains at the helm so that the aim of achieving industrialised nation status could be achieved by the year 2020.

"So far we have succeeded and I hope with the support of the elected representatives, the BN will continue to rule the country," he said at a dinner organised by the Government Backbenchers Club at the ground of Parliament house here.

Among those present were Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, Deputy Prime minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and his wife, Datin Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, Dewan Rakyat Speaker Tan Sri Zahir Ismail and Dewan Negara President Tan Sri Mohamad Yaacob.

Dr Mahathir said that elected representatives should realise that they have a heavy responsibility and commitment.

The Prime Minister was confident that BN elected representatives would continue to work hard to maintain the BN's popularity.

At the function, Dr Siti Hasmah, the president of the Association of Wives of Ministers and Deputy Ministers (Bakti) received donations totalling RM175,000 from several elected representatives for the Bakti fund and the Malaysian Aids Foundation.

An opposition Member of Parliament, Tan Seng Giaw (DAP-Kepong), was seen at the function. -- BERNAMA

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