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MAHATHIR HOPES CLINTON WILL BE CAUTIOUS WHEN SELECTING CABINET

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CONAKRY, Nov 8 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has expressed the hope that Bill Clinton, who has been re-elected President of the United States, will be cautious when selecting his Cabinet members particularly when finding replacements for the various secretaries (ministers) who are stepping down.

He hoped Clinton, who beat Republican candidate Bob Dole, would not select people who were "too hard or people who do not know how to compromise."

Dr Mahathir said this when asked by Malaysian journalists to comment on Clinton's re-election on Tuesday.

"What is important is not only Clinton's victory but also the choice of his secretaries particularly those who have resigned," he said.

Dr Mahathir said he had expected Clinton to win.

President Clinton has accepted the resignation of Secretary of State Warren Christopher and a few more of his Cabinet members including Defence Secretary William Perry are expected to step down.

Clinton, the Democratic party candidate, will serve a second four-year term as US President.

Dr Mahathir left for Accra today to begin an official visit to Ghana.

Earlier he visited Guinea and attended the G-15 summit in Harare, Zimbabwe.

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