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ONLY BN SUCCESSFUL IN FORGING "SMART PARTNERSHIP" AMONG RACES, SAYS KU LI

NIBONG TEBAL, Nov 7 (Bernama) -- Former Finance Minister Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah said today only Barisan Nasional (BN) was successful to forge a "smart partnership" among the various races in the country.

He said no other party besides the BN could create and maintain the prevailing racial harmony among the various races which had paved the way for the country's rapid development.

Speaking at a meet-the-people session in Sungai Bakap here, he said the BN government led by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was a tested coalition which no other party could come close to achieve its success.

"I tried to adopt the BN's "smart partnership" concept when I set up S46 by being partners with PAS and DAP but the plan failed because they will not cooperate," said Tengku Razaleigh, who was former president of the now defunct Parti Melayu Semangat 46 (S46).

He urged the people to continue supporting the BN for smooth implementation of development programmes and urged them not to support the independent candidate, Abu Harith Ahmad, who is a former S46 member.

"I have many supporters yet I cannot challenge the BN. What more Harith who stands alone," he said.

Also present were Pulau Pinang Deputy Chief Minister Datuk Shariff Omar and Land and Cooperative Development Deputy Minister Dr Goh Cheng Teik, who is also BN director of operations for the Sungai Bakap by-election tomorrow. -- BERNAMA

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