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BN'S DEMOCRATIC PRACTICE THE FOUNDATION OF SUCCESS

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 21 (Bernama) -- Malaysia is successful because the Barisan Nasional (BN) government has been able to practise the democratic system without riots and general strikes, says the BN manifesto.

It says another contributing factor to the country's success is the 14-party coalition's ability to minimise racial factors in politics.

Since independence 42 years ago, Malaysia has been holding general elections according to schedule and guaranteed voters the freedom of choice, it says.

The manifesto with the title "Malaysia Free, United, Successful" was launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is BN chairman, at the Putra World Trade Centre here tonight.

Malaysia's development is also due to the fact that the people and government adhere to the constitution and uphold the sanctity of the law.

It says the BN rule has improved the people's quality of life, reduced poverty irrespective of race and provided the people with free education and basic health facilities.

The manifesto says there is a balance between urban and rural development and adequate efforts have been taken to preserve the environment.

It says the BN government has also been successful in preserving noble culture, promoting good values, emphasising religion as a way of life and protecting the rights of workers.

On foreign policy, it says Malaysia has been successful in maintaining friendship with all countries and promoting the smart partnership and prosper thy neighbour policies.

Malaysia has also been successful in assisting weak nations and fostering close ties with neighbouring countries through Asean, and Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) members.

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