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Election-Update (1.30am)

BARISAN NASIONAL LEADS BY 89-19

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 30 (Bernama) -- The Barisan Nasional (BN) continued to lead in the general election when it took 89 parliamentary seats out of 108 seats declared as at 1.30am today.

Opposition parties won 19 seats.

The number of seats declared so far represented about 56 percent of the 193 parliamentary seats at stake. With the latest tally, BN is seven seats away from scoring a simple majority win.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad again retained the Kubang Pasu parliamentary seat.

Works Minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu successfully defended his Sg Siput parliamentary seat while Information Minister Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob also won in Kuantan parliamentary constituency.

As for the widely-watched contest in the Tanjong parliamentary seat, DAP's Chow Kon Yeow brushed aside BN's Cheang Chee Gooi.

In Perlis, Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim won the Tambun Tualang state seat. -- BERNAMA

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