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BARISAN NASIONAL WILL PROMISE ONLY THAT IT CAN FULFIL- DR M

KUANTAN, Sept 6 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister and Barisan Nasional Chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today the BN will only promise things that it can deliver to the people.

"The people know that the BN will not promise something that it cannot deliver," he said during a meeting with Pahang BN leaders here.

The BN would not be like the opposition making empty promises to fish for votes and increase its representation.

The BN's pledge to develop the country had already been fulfilled and the development that could be seen around here was proof of this, he said.

Unlike the opposition which made all types of pledges even the promise to give tickets to heaven as it knew it would not win the general election, the Prime Minister said.

Dr Mahathir urged all BN component parties to work to ensure that the BN won at least a two-third majority in Parliament in the General Election.

He said despite opposition to its economic recovery measures from the World Bank, the IMF and the foreign media, Malaysia was still able to revive its economy because it had a strong government which had a two-third majority in Parliament.

"When the government is strong, we can face the world even though we are only a small country but when the government is weak with only a one-seat majority, believe me.... do not talk about facing the world we cannot even face the opposition."

This was because the government would collapse if the person holding the one extra seat were to cross over to the opposition, he said.

Pahang should go for a 100 per cent win in Parliamentary seats and the only opposition held seat in the state assembly should be wrestled back, he said.

"Extend my greetings to the people in the opposition constituency and please tell them that I feel it is better for them to opt for the BN," Dr Mahathir said.

Pahang has 11 Parliamentary seats which are represented by the BN and of the 33 state seats, one (Triang) is held by the DAP's Leong Ngah Ngah.

Earlier Dr Mahathir held a closed door meeting with the Pahang Umno Liaison Committee.

Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamad Ali attended a tea party organised by the Pahang Women's Affairs Consultative Committee (Hawa) and met some 100 women from the state.

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