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BN ELECTION CAMPAIGN ADS NOT A SCARE TACTIC, SAYS DR MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 21 (Bernama) -- The election campaign advertisements of the Barisan Nasional (BN) are not aimed to frighten the people but to remind them of what had really happened, said BN chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"They were the truth, if we do not learn a lesson from what we have experienced history will repeat itself," he said after launching the BN manifesto for the Nov 29 general election here today.

He said racial riots in the country in 1969 were due to the uncertainty as to whether the Alliance then could or could not govern.

"In that situation, riots occurred ... that is why we want the people to return a strong and effective government," he said.

He said if the people wanted the opposition, they should make the opposition strong by giving them a two-thirds majority.

"We can't guarantee that will bring peace but they will be strong," said Dr Mahathir in reply to a question about police reports lodged by the DAP today against the BN.

DAP secretary general Lim Kit Siang, who lodged two police reports -- one in Pulau Pinang and again at the Petaling police station in Jalan Klang Lama here

-- alleged the BN advertisements in major newspapers today were meant to frighten voters.

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