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Abu Zahar-BN

BN EXPECTS TO RETAIN 22 STATE SEATS IN MELAKA

MELAKA, Nov 17 (Bernama) -- The Barisan Nasional (BN) is hopeful of retaining 22 of the 25 state seats in Melaka in this general election, Chief Minister Datuk Seri Abu Zahar Isnin said today.

He said seat distribution among BN component parties remained the same as in the last election with Umno contesting in 16 areas, MCA seven and one each for Gerakan and MIC.

"I'm confident Umno, Gerakan and MIC will be able to defend their seats and MCA can win in four of the seven seats," he told reporters after chairing the State BN meeting at Seri Negeri in Ayer Keroh, here.

He also said there was a wind of change among Chinese voters in favour of the BN in Bandar Hilir, Tengkeru and Durian Daun, the three DAP strongholds in the state.

" I'm optimistic BN can capture at least one of the seats," said Abu Zahar, who is also Melaka BN chief.

He said he would announce tomorrow or on Friday the State BN candidate line-up.

"I'm still waiting for the call from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad," he added.

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