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BN support growing

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - The voice of the `silent majority' in the country is being heard with businessmen, guilds, non-governmental organisations and minority communities voicing support for the Barisan Nasional.

Malaysian Associated Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry president Senator Datuk V.K.K. Teagarajan said Malaysian Indians had progressed along with the other races over the last four decades.

"We should not fall prey to the ploy by the Opposition in trying to divide the community by pitching Indians against Indians in the various constituencies," he said.

He said the Opposition had placed Indian candidates against MIC candidates in several areas.

Meanwhile, Gurkha Society of Selangor and Wilayah Persekutuan secretary Bal Bahadur said members would give their support to Dr Mahathir and the BN in the general election.

He said Dr Mahathir was a visionary leader who had spearheaded dynamic programmes for the development of the nation.

In Johor Baru, more than 40 Chinese guilds and associations representing over 5,000 members pledged their support for the Barisan Nasional.

The group, represented by the Johor Associated Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry, presented a memorandum declaring their support for the BN to Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman at his official residence here.

The memorandum was presented to Ghani by JACCCI president Datuk Low Nam Hui.

In Kuantan, the National Farmer's Organisation (Nafas) today pledged to give its undivided support to the BN.

"At a special meeting attended by all state and regional Nafas chairmen recently, we unanimously passed a resolution to support Dr Mahathir and the BN Government," its chairman Datuk Abdul Rashid Abdul Rahman said.

In Alor Star, Malaysian Thai Association president Datuk Charern Intachart said the community would support the Barisan Nasional in the polls.

He said the country and the community had progressed greatly over the years because of the BN.

He said there were Thais in Kedah and Perlis who even owned land in Malay reservations.

"They will not fall prey to calls by the Opposition to switch their allegiance from the Government," he said.

He said the Thai community in Kelantan was solidly behind Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah.

More than half of Malaysian Thais live in Kedah (30,000), Kelantan and Perlis (7,000 each) and Perak and Terengganu (2,000 each).

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