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DPM sure of big win in Sabah, Sarawak

KOTA KINABALU, Sun. - Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi tonight said he was sure of a big victory for the Barisan Nasional from Sabah and Sarawak during the general elections.

Asked if the BN could win all 49 parliamentary seats (20 in Sabah, 28 in Sarawak and one in Labuan), Abdullah said:

"We will win as many as we can ... I am sure of a big victory from East Malaysian States," he said.

He was speaking to newsmen after closing the Sabah Wanita BN convention at Sa'adah Hall in Wisma Muis, near here.

Abdullah arrived in the State capital at 7.05pm and left Kota Kinabalu soon after the function.

Earlier when addressing convention participants, Abdullah said he was confident the State Wanita BN could help deliver a big win for Sabah in the general election.

"The Sabah Wanita BN has a strength of 31,000 members ... and God willing, we will get a big win in Sabah."

In the March State elections, BN won 31 out of the 48 State Legislative Assembly seats.

Abdullah also said the importance of the Wanita movement in ensuring a victory for the BN could not be denied.

He said even Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad recognised that the Wanita movement was important in gaining votes and getting support from the people.

Also present were Chief Minister Datuk Osu Sukam, National Wanita BN head Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman and State Wanita BN head Datuk Norjan Khan Bahadar.

Earlier in Butterworth, Abdullah said State Governments must respond quickly to problems, and move just as fast to seek solutions if they were to ensure the success of privatised projects.

"The minute a problem crops up, they must act fast to resolve it," he said when opening the Prima Prai Sdn Bhd corporate office in Taman Perai Utama, near Butterworth.

Prima Prai is the developer of the Taman Perai Utama township.

Abdullah said to ensure the smooth implementation of all privatisation projects, there must always be good co-operation between the Government and the private sector.

"This way, we can avoid any problems which can hinder the smooth implementation of the privatised projects which are supposed to bring many benefits to the State Government, developer and people."

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