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Dr M: Barisan had proven its ability to run country well

MALACCA, Mon. - Urging the people to vote in the Barisan Nasional in the next general election, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said that a weak Government could not guarantee peace and stability of the country.

The Prime Minister said he was aware the opposition would accuse him of instilling fear in people with such a reminder.

"But what I am saying is factual and the truth.

"If I do not do so, I am not carrying out my responsibility."

Dr Mahathir, who is also Umno president and Barisan National chairman, was speaking at a dinner at Dewan Sekolah Menengah Pay Fong tonight.

He said only a strong Government could afford to run a country effectively although certain parties might not like its decisions.

He said it was because of the Barisan Nasional Government's strength that it had been able to withstand attacks by currency traders and other threats to its economy.

Dr Mahathir reiterated that developing countries like Malaysia could not achieve its aspiration if the Government was not strong.

He said BN had proven over the years its efficiency and ability to run the country well.

"Therefore, we must retain a strong Government which is the BN."

He said the opposition was only interested in forming a Government.

This was evident in their attempts to only establish pacts among themselves during the election period.

"The people cannot gamble away their future by voting in the opposition. They have no option but to vote in the BN."

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