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MAHATHIR THANKS WELL-WISHERS FOR BN'S VICTORY IN SABAH

KUALA LUMPUR, March 16 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today thanked Malaysians and others who flooded him with congratulatory messages and good wishes following the Barisan Nasional's victory in last Saturday's Sabah state election.

"The prime minister is deeply touched and wishes to thank all those who sent him congratulatory messages and who expressed support for his leadership," the Prime Minister's Office said in a statement.

Dr Mahathir apologised for not being able to reply to each and every one of the messages received, the statement said.

Notwithstanding this, the prime minister wished to record his profound appreciation for the people's support of him and the government, the statement said.

The BN won 31 of the 48 State Legislative Assembly seats while the main opposition Parti Bersatu Sabah, secured 17.

None of the other four contesting parties -- Bersekutu, Setia, Pasok and PAS -- or independent candidates won any seat in the state election.

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