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NEW FACES WILL INJECT IDEAS FOR RENEWAL- DR MAHATHIR

JITRA, Nov 20 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today the Barisan Nasional (BN) has introduced new faces in this 10th General Election so that they will contribute to the country's renewal.

He said if all the old faces had been retained in the BN lineup, there could be an erosion of ideas for the country's development.

Hence the country needed the injection of ideas from the new people, he said in a special interview with Radio Malaysia Kedah, carried live from the Kubang Pasu District Office Complex.

In view of this the BN had to drop some old faces even if they were still capable of serving so as to make way for the new faces.

"I hope they are not disappointed and they must make sacrifices," he said.

Dr Mahathir said a combination of old and new faces could produce an efficient and effective administration.

He said the old faces should support the new faces as earlier others had also supported them.

He hoped the local people would accept new candidates for even though they were new their selection went through various levels from the branch to the central level.

He said the BN selected its candidates very carefully.

"There could be people whom you do not know, then put your trust in the person who made the choice," he said.

Dr Mahathir was confident that the BN would get a two-thirds majority in the Dewan Rakyat in view of the increasing support from the people.

In the 10-minute radio interview, he said the people should use the vote wisely in their own interest and that of the country and not to vent their anger.

The Prime Minister said it was important for the people to defend their independence from the political, economic and social aspects.

Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali was among those who accompanied Dr Mahathir to the nomination centre.

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