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OPPOSITION MUST BE UNITED TO FACE BN, SAYS DR SYED HUSIN

KUALA LUMPUR, March 14 (Bernama) -- The Barisan Nasional's (BN) victory in the Sabah state election shows that it is still strong and cannot be challenged effectively unless the opposition is united, Parti Rakyat Malaysia said today.

Its president, Dr Syed Husin Ali, said the opposition must prepare itself to meet the onslaughts by BN, work hard and never be under the illusion that all would be plain sailing.

He said the Sabah results would increase BN unity and confidence to face the general election and also undermine the position of those within Umno who were wavering in their support for former deputy prime minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim against Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

In a statement here today, Dr Syed Husin said the victory might be a plus factor in Dr Mahathir's calculation for an early general election.

BN won 31 seats in the election while Parti Bersatu Sabah grabbed the remaining 17 seats.

Angkatan Perpaduan Insan Malaysia pro tem peresident Ramli Abdullah said the victory showed that Malaysians still needed the BN leadership and were not easily influenced by the propaganda of any party.

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