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OPPOSITION'S EMOTIVE SENTIMENTS CAUSED BN 11 SEATS IN PERAK - RAMLI

IPOH, Dec 2 (Bernama) -- The Barisan Nasional (BN) lost three parliamentary and eight state seats in Perak in the just-concluded general election as the people were swayed by the emotive sentiments played by the Opposition.

Outgoing Menteri Besar Tan Sri Ramli Ngah Talib said he regretted that many people were taken in by the Opposition's propaganda without thinking what the opposition parties could do to improve their living standards.

"They should have thought about the benefits they would enjoy if they voted for BN," he told reporters at his official residence here today.

As compared to the 1995 general election, there is a slight drop in the people's support for the BN but it was not significant, said Ramli, who is tipped to hold a federal minister's post after winning the Pasir Salak parliamentary seat.

BN still retained more than two-thirds majority in the 52-member state legislature.

PAS won two parliamentary and three state seats while DAP one parliamentary and four state seats with Keadilan grabbing the sole Bota state seat.

Ramli also said it was PAS' propaganda that caused the defeat of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Datuk Seri Megat Junid Megat Ayob in the Parit parliamentary seat and not the choice of candidate.

He also said he had not been informed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on his federal posting.

He said he would accept whatever post offered to him.

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