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ORANG ASLI ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS BN

SEREMBAN, Nov 27 (Bernama) -- The Peninsular Malaysia Orang Asli Association (POASM) today expressed support for the Barisan Nasional (BN) under the leadership of Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

POASM president Majid Suhut said the association had always been backing the BN government because it was capable of protecting the orang asli.

"A small group within our community may not be satisfied (with the government) in certain matters but on the whole they are supportive of, and loyal to, the BN government," he said when contacted by Bernama.

Majid, 37, said POASM had 16,000 members.

Meanwhile, the Negeri Sembilan Ceylonese Association (NSCA) and the Negeri Sembilan Hindu Council (NSHYC) expressed confidence that the BN would return to power after Monday's general election.

NSCA president S.Kumarasamy said the people should not switch governments as the present government had a proven track record.

They should not be taken in by the promises made by opposition parties, he said.

NSHYC chairman R.Arjunan said the BN should be retained as it was uncertain if the opposition parties could administer the country successfully.

In MELAKA, some 500 people belonging to three associations gathered at Padang Pahlawan in Bandar Hilir to pledge support for Barisan Nasional (BN) candidates.

The associations are the Melaka Bumiputera Hawkers and Petty Traders Association, Melaka Taxi and Hire Car Drivers Federation and Melaka Trishaw Riders Association.

They pledged support to the BN before former deputy prime minister Tun Ghafar Baba, Melaka Umno deputy chief Datuk Wira Mohamed Ali Rustam, state MCA chairman Datuk Wira Gan Boon Leong and several other BN candidates.

The candidates were later given trishaw rides.

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