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A BIG BN WIN WILL BENEFIT THE PEOPLE- GHAFAR

MELAKA, Nov 22 (Bernama) -- A landslide victory for the Barisan Nasional (BN) will benefit the people including the Chinese community as it is the BN's policy to ensure equitable distribution of wealth among all communities, former Deputy Prime Minister Tun Ghafar Baba said today.

The people had been able to derive wealth from mines and plantations because of the BN's just and responsible rule over the last 42 years, he said.

Hence the BN Government should be given a new mandate so that it could continue with its development efforts which had brought comfort to the people, he told a political ceramah attended by about 2000 MCA members at Batu Berendam here.

Tun Ghafar is the BN candidate for the Batu Berendam Parliamentary seat in this General Election. Deputy Health Minister Datuk Wira Mohamed Ali Rustam who last held the seat was also present. He is contesting for the Paya Rumpit state seat.

Ghafar said the BN should at least get a two-thirds majority in the Dewan Rakyat for only a government with solid support from the people could ensure that the country's wealth "is not lost".

Such a victory would prevent the country from being oppressed by foreign powers apart from ensuring large scale foreign investment in Malaysia, he said.

"The able BN administration had given first class freedom to the people in the last 42 years," Ghafar said.

"Hence even though I am 74 now, I want to continue supporting and contributing to the BN Government. Even though I am 74, there is no reason for me to retire now as my principle is everyone should work until death."

Ghafar said he was not pursuing high ranks or ministerial appointments or wealth by taking part in this general election.

"I want to ensure closer cooperation among all Malaysians including Malays, Chinese and Indians. This work is difficult but is very important."

"I have worked under Prime Ministers Tunku Abdul Rahman, Tun Abdul Razak, Tun Hussein Onn and Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad."

"I always had the confidence that Dr Mahathir will make a good Prime Minister. He is healthy, works night and day for the people of Malaysia. The people will stand to lose if they do not support him."

"The presence of the large number of MCA members at this ceramah augurs well for the BN as it reflects the Chinese community's full support for the BN."

"They have come to listen to the political ceramah this time unlike in the past when they were not interested in these ceramahs as they gave priority to their business," he said.

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