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PARTY LEADERS UPBEAT ON VICTORY PROSPECTS

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 28 (Bernama) -- Just 12 hours before Malaysians cast their votes in the country's 10th general election tomorrow, here are how the leaders of the contesting parties rate their chances.

Speaking at a press conference in Kubang Pasu near Alor Setar today, Prime Minister and Barisan Nasional (BN) chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said:

"We should be able to win all the states and at the federal level, we think we can make the two thirds majority.

"We do not fear about this election, we can win. I'm convinced the electorate will give the BN a fresh mandate because of its excellent track record."

MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik:

"I think the people will support BN which has proven that relationship among the component parties is matured and stable and sincere. MCA will win big. We can maintain what we had captured in 1995."

MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu:

"It's the time to cast our vote very carefully. The reason is the continuity of development, continuity of the progress of the country, continuity of stability, and above all this the continuity of national unity. This is very very important.

"I'm confident the people will choose Barisan Nasional again."

Gerakan president Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik:

"BN is confident of doing better than in 1995 going by the indicators shown by the people.

"Gerakan is also confident of securing all the parliamentary and state seats it is contesting."

Sarawak Chief Minister Tan Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud, who is also president of Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB), a Sarawak-based BN coalition partner:

"There has never been a parliamentary election more important to Sarawak than tomorrow's 10th general election. This is an election for the people to decide whether they want Dr Mahathir or former deputy prime minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim although the latter is not contesting."

Sabah Chief Minister, who is also state BN chairman and Umno liaison chief Datuk Osu Sukam:

"From the feedback received, the BN can get more than 16 seats. More and more Kadazandusuns are supporting the BN while the Chinese are happy with the performance of the BN. They have nothing to complain.

"Umno itself can win all the 11 seats allocated to us and given this scenario and the fact that we have our traditional support, the Sabah BN is capable of winning more seats than we first estimated."

Kelantan Umno liaison chief Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah:

"We in Kelantan are confident of forming the state government upon the election results being known.

"I see that Kelantanese at large, including the womenfolk, desire change in Kelantan and they all will vote in a Barisan Nasional government on Nov 29."

Parti Keadilan Nasional (Keadilan) president Datin Seri Dr Wan Azizah Ismail (rating herself as an underdog):

"Alhamdulillah (thank Allah), indeed there is mass support but it's still up to the voters to decide.

"Obviously I'll garner sympathy votes for me and Anwar, but this is not a one man show, it's more of a wake up call for the people as we're now talking about corruption, about good governance, nepotism and cronyism."

DAP secretary-general Lim Kit Siang:

"I really don't know, I've already said before, either we can win big or we can lose big. I've no confidence I can win Bukit Bendera and Kebun Bunga, it is an uphill battle.

"We the DAP will accept the verdict if I'm defeated in Bukit Bendera and Kebun Bunga. I will accept the verdict even if DAP is wiped out in Penang and Malaysia."

PAS president Datuk Fadzil Noor:

"I'm confident PAS can gain control of Kedah, Perlis and Terengganu besides retaining Kelantan.

"Our chances are better than in past polls. The winds of change sweeping across Kedah are also blowing across Perlis and Terengganu."

PRM president Dr Syed Husin Ali:

"Insyallah (God willing) with the people's support, PRM will win.

"I shall wait for the people's judgement on Nov 29. Compared to five years ago, support for PRM is stronger this time around, coming from all races... Malays and non-Malays alike."

Parti Bersatu Sabah president Datuk Joseph Pairin Kitingan:

"We hope the people here will give us the full mandate while those in West Malaysia also do the same to the opposition there.

"We are leaving it all to the people to decide. We have gone round telling the people how important the parliamentary election or a strong voice of the opposition representing Sabahan is."

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