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PM: Give Barisan a resounding win

PETAGAS, Sat. - Stressing the importance of a strong Government, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad urged the people in Sabah to give the Barisan Nasional a resounding victory on polling day.

In his last legs campaigning for the BN for the Sabah election, the Prime Minister said it was crucial for the State to have a stable Government to allow development to proceed unhindered.

"A situation in which the winning party fails to secure a clear-cut majority must be avoided," he said at a meet-the-people session here.

"We need a strong and stable Government in Sabah."

The gathering was organised to campaign for the BN candidate for Petagas Datuk Yahya Hussein.

Also present were Chief Minister Tan Sri Bernard Dompok and Sabah Umno liaison chief Datuk Osu Sukam.

Dr Mahathir said the winning party would try hard to hang on to power if the victory margin was slim because the losing party would resort to anything to wrest control of the State Government.

To ensure a convincing BN victory, he advised the nine BN component parties to complement each other.

"The BN has fielded Chinese and Kadazandusuns in Muslim-majority constituencies and it is crucial for Muslims to support them to ensure victory," Dr Mahathir said.

"Likewise, the Chinese and Kadazandusuns must reciprocate by supporting BN Muslim candidates."

Illustrating Umno's sincerity, Dr Mahathir said even if the party secured sufficient seats to form the State Government on its own, it will still co-operate with the other communities.

"We (Umno) did not take all or contest all seats because of the need to accommodate others," he said.

Urging the people to value the prevailing peace and prosperity, the Prime Minister said the BN had succeeded in enhancing tolerance among the various communities under the power-sharing concept.

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