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STATE UMNO COMMITTEES TOLD TO ANALYSE POLLS RESULTS

JOHOR BAHRU, Dec 2 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi wants all state Umno liaison committees to analyse their performance in the just concluded general election.

"This is very important. I feel even states that won like Johor must conduct a post-mortem," he said at a thanksgiving ceremony organised by Johor Umno at the Menteri Besar's official residence here tonight.

He said that by preparing an analysis of its performance, Johor Umno would help other state Umno committees find out how it was able to once again achieve a resounding victory in this election.

"What is this extra thing that Johor has that enables it to achieve such a big win. Where does it get its strength, we need to know that," said Abdullah, a vice-president of Umno.

He said Johor Umno and Barisan Nasional (BN) on their part would benefit from the analysis of Umno's performance in states where it performed badly like Terengganu.

In this election, the BN won all 20 parliamentary and 40 state seats in Johor just like in 1995.

Throughout the country, the BN won in 148 of the 193 parliamentary constituencies.

Abdullah, who is performing the duties of the Umno deputy president, said Prime Minister and BN chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had called for a comprehensive post-mortem on the BN's performance in this election.

"I support the prime minister's directive with the hope that based on the findings of the post-mortem, we will be able to make the changes needed and also perhaps take new steps to strengthen the party," he said.

Abdullah said the BN had worked hard to wrest Kelantan from PAS but failed to do so.

"Why is this so, where are our weaknesses and we did we go wrong?"

"Whether we won or lost, we must treat it as a lesson," he said.

Abdullah said it was important that Umno remained relevant in the next century.

Present at the ceremony were Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman, Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar and Youth and Sports Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

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