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SUBKY HAS NOT DONE ANY GOOD DEEDS IN KUBANG PASU- DR MAHATHIR

JITRA, Nov 20 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today described his challenger in the Kubang Pasu Parliamentary seat Subky Latif of PAS as an outsider who has never done any good deeds in Kubang Pasu and one who does not know the problems of the local people.

"He is not from here as he is from Perak," he told a news conference after filing his nomination papers at the Kubang Pasu District Office Complex.

Dr Mahathir, who is Umno President and Barisan Nasional Chairman expressed confidence that the Kubang Pasu residents could evaluate the capabilities of Subky.

Replying to a question, the Prime Minister said he did not expect Subky to contest in Kubang Pasu as he thought Prof. Datuk Dr Harun Din of PAS would challenge him.

On the size of his majority this time, Dr Mahathir said this of course would depend on the voters.

"Sometimes when people are over confident, they don't come out and this is the problem that we face," he said.

"Everyone is saying the BN will win with a big majority. Hence they do not come out to vote."

"However victory by one vote is still a victory."

Dr Mahathir said that in the General Election of 1995, he was returned with a majority of about 17,000 votes.

"This time I will be grateful if I get the same margin."

Commenting on the issues raised by the opposition, Dr Mahathir said this election was about setting up a government.

"The government has been very clear on this," he said.

"We are not talking about issues but talking about setting up a government that can lead this country into the next millennium and realise our Vision 2020."

He said the BN government had the experience and had shown that it could deliver on its promises and discharge its responsibilities.

Dr Mahathir said the situation in Kubang Pasu was different and that the people understood that the election was not based on issues.

"I think in the rural areas, they are more interested in development rather than issues."

"The opposition may get support on the issues among the so-called intellectual people in the urban areas," he added.

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