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THE SILENT MAJORITY SHOULD CAST THEIR VOTES, SAYS MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 22 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today it was vital that the silent majority in the community cast their votes to ensure a bigger win for the Barisan Nasional (BN) in the Nov 29 general election.

"This time, we want the silent majority to cast their votes. We do not want the silent majority who support us but do not cast their votes," he said when addressing some 400 BN Federal Territory election workers, at the Bangsar sports complex, here.

Also present were BN election director Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob who is Information Minister and all the 11 BN candidates fielded in the Federal Territory.

Dr Mahathir said that many among them had been passive and some did not bother to vote but they were beginning to express themselves in support of the BN government during the election campaign.

He said this was proven this morning when some 200 members representing the 200,000 members of the Malaysian Ex-Servicemen's Association and also a group from the Malaysian Sikh Association pledged their support for the BN government.

Dr Mahathir said: "The two associations are apolitical and they came forward to pledge their support voluntarily".

He believed that the silent majority were supporters of the BN government.

The prime minister called on the party workers to woo the silent majority to cast their votes on polling day as they would vote in the BN government.

The BN would need a two-third majority so that the government would be solid and strong, he said.

On nomination day, Dr Mahathir expressed his concern that many silent BN supporters will not cast their votes as they are very confident that the BN will win the election.

Dr Mahathir said that the BN was now more confident of the support of the younger generation especially university students who were beginning to understand the actual political situation in the country.

He said that this group should in turn explain to their peers and their parents who were among the silent majority so that they would understand the economic and political situation in the country.

"I am asking these students to play their role to explain the actual situation," he said.

The prime minister said that previously many students had been misinformed.

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