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TIME TO MOVE ON, SAYS SYED HAMID

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 28 (Bernama) -- The country must now move ahead after going through the general election, Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar said today.

He said as the people had made their choice, the government would have to perform its task and carry out the policies outlined in the election manifesto.

"I think this is important because there would be new investment coming into our country, people would like to visit Malaysia, people would like to see Malaysia continue to progress, so we must be able to show them that we are not all the time concerned with politics," he told reporters at Angkasapuri here.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said in Alor Setar yesterday that political parties no longer need to campaign as though they were still facing the general election.

Dr Mahathir called on the people to mend relations among themselves after the 10th general election held on Nov 29.

When approached on the prime minister's call, Syed Hamid said everyone should take note of Dr Mahathir's advice.

"His call is a reminder that the election is over and we should take heed of that as we have greater tasks to perform," Syed Hamid said.

The just-concluded election showed the state of maturity of democracy in Malaysia, he said.

"We have shown to the world that democracy is very much alive, healthy and developing well in Malaysia," he said.

It was also important for Malaysia to continue playing an assertive role in the international arena, Syed Hamid added.

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