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UMNO'S SINCERITY ACCEPTED IN SABAH, SAYS SELANGOR MB

SHAH ALAM, March 14 (Bernama) -- Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Abu Hassan Omar said Barisan Nasional's (BN) victory in the Sabah elections showed that the sincerity of Umno leaders had now been accepted and understood by the people there.

He said he was proud of the victory as it showed that the BN was capable of winning the election although some quarters had raised doubts on the sincerity of the visits to Sabah by Umno leaders from outside the state.

"The presence of the menteri besar was to assist in the election and to ensure Sabah's future under the BN, we are sincere," he said when met at Glenmarie Golf Club, near here this morning.

BN succeeded in forming the new Sabah government last night after winning 31 of the 48 state assembly seats contested in the ninth state elections with all 24 Umno candidates winning in their respective constituencies.

Abu Hassan also congratulated Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in his capacity as BN chairman following the victory as well as other BN leaders who had slogged to campaign in Sabah such as Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and chairman of Sabah Umno Liaison Body Datuk Osu Sukam.

Meanwhile in MELAKA, Chief Minister Datuk Seri Abu Zahar Isnin said the victory had proven that the people in Sabah accepted the BN leadership led by Dr Mahathir.

He said most Sabahans had gone through a process of change laying emphasis on national interest and putting aside parochialism which was being promoted by the opposition in Sabah.

"The majority of the people in Sabah want BN to remain in power and to continue with the development of the state while maintaining good relations with the federal government," he told reporters at his residence at Seri Bendahara, here today.

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