

Silent majority ensured BN victory: PM

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KUALA LUMPUR, Fri: The Barisan Nasional's victory in last year's general election was not only because of its strength but also due to the help of thousands of unknown individuals.

The support shown by this silent majority, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said tonight, was vital for BN and the government and "we hope that they will continue to support us".

He was speaking at an election victory dinner organised by the BN Volunteers Group at the Palace of the Golden Horses here.

The dinner was attended by about 500 guests.

Also present was the head of the volunteer group, **Tengku Imann** Suraiya Tengku Abdullah.

Mahathir, who is also BN chairman, said the support given by the group "showed that BN's victory came through those present tonight, for they believed in the coalition's struggle".

"The people wanted peace, harmony and stability as there won't be meaning to life

if peace is not given priority"

However, he said, there is a fraction of the population that wanted to create chaos, but their attempts fizzled out because the people never gave them the support.

A video recording on Malaysia's independence and

the development efforts of all the country's prime ministers and their achievements was shown during the dinner.

Outside the ballroom, a personal collection of **Mahathir's** pictures with his wife, Datin Seri Dr **Siti Hasmah** Mohd Ali, during their

younger days and when on official duty as Prime Minister was put on sale.

Also on sale to raise funds for the volunteer group were family portraits of Mahathir and **Siti Hasmah** with their children, daughter and son-in-law and his grandchildren.