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`BN's win also due to efforts of volunteers'

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - Barisan Nasional's victory in the recent general election must not only be attributed to the hard work and determination of its members but also to the relentless effort by a large number of volunteers.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the Government was indebted to this group of people who strongly believed in their (BN) struggle and were willing to sacrifice their time and effort to ensure a BN victory.

"We sincerely thank them for their support and hope to rely on their continued belief in the Government to ensure the success of all future undertakings," he said at a dinner organised by the Barisan Nasional Volunteers' Group here today.

More than 500 volunteers from throughout the country who worked relentlessly to assist the BN during the general election attended the dinner.

Present was the group head, Tengku Imann Suraiya Tengku Abdullah.

Dr Mahathir said BN's victory was not only one (victory) for the ruling party but mainly for the people who voted for continued peace and stability.

He said though there were several attempts by minority groups to demonstrate and cause disunity among the people, the majority still firmly believed in the BN's proven track record.

He said even when there were plans recently by the Opposition to stage demonstrations, there was very poor response which was proof that Malaysians were a peace loving lot.

"Even the Orang Asli, a large number of whom are present today, stand firm behind the BN leadership and cannot be easily swayed by the Opposition's tactics."

He urged all races in the country to continue working together in peace and unity and avoid all attempts by certain quarters to disrupt this.

Tengku Imann said the volunteers' main mission had been to reach out to the people and provide them the truth on negative perceptions they had of the Government.

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