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`Kadazans, Muruts now back Barisan'

KOTA KINABALU, Sat. - The Kadazandusun and Murut community now support the United Pasok Momogun Kadazandusun Organisation as a component of the Barisan Nasional.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said their support played a vital role for the BN to win a bigger majority in the parliamentary election in Sabah.

The increase in the number of votes for the BN in constituencies where UPKO candidates contested was also clear proof that the Kadazandusun and the Murut have confidence in the BN.

The BN chairman stated this in his message in conjunction with UPKO's sixth annual congress on July 27 and 28, the text distributed by the party's headquarters to the Press here yesterday.

He stressed that such support would enable UPKO to play a more effective role in the main stream development of the nation.

The Prime Minister said the strong support from the Kadazandusun and Murut also showed that the issues based on negative sentiments by the opposition was no longer accepted.

Dr Mahathir said the Kadazandusun and Murut were now more confident of the BN Government.

He said under the leadership of Tan Sri Bernard Giluk Dompok as UPKO president, the party had shown great progress and improvement in representing the Kadazandusun and Murut in the BN Government and would continue to be an active partner.

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