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MAHATHIR CONFIDENT OF MASSIVE WIN FOR BN IN SARAWAK

KUCHING, Sept 24 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is confident that the Barisan Nasional (BN) will achieve a "good" victory in the state election on Thursday.

"Wherever I went, including in the rural area, Bruit, a large number of people had turned up and this shows the strong support of the rakyat for BN," he said.

He said this to reporters after attending a meeting with leaders of the state BN component parties, here today.

Dr Mahathir, who is also BN chairman, said cooperation among the BN component parties was also good and there was no attempt at sabotage as was happening in the opposition.

"This is a good sign for the state BN," he said.

The prime minister also said that he was sad because Parti Keadilan Nasional (Keadilan) and PAS were bringing "unhealthy culture" from peninsular Malaysia to Sarawak in the election campaign.

He said in Sarawak the elections were carried out calmly in the past with no rough tactics such as the ones brought by Keadilan and PAS now.

"I hope Sarawakians who have been living peacefully until now will reject all PAS and Keadilan candidates because their struggles have no place in this state," he said.

Asked whether there were Sarawakians who were influenced by the new culture, Dr Mahathir said: "Maybe there are some people in Sarawak who are interested in violence but the number is small."

When asked why Keadilan and PAS are contesting in Sarawak although there is no support for them, Dr Mahathir said: "It's just like them, they don't care even if there are two supporters they will still field a candidate."

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