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PM TO ATTEND THANKSGIVING WITH LIKAS CONSTITUENTS ON MONDAY

KOTA KINABALU, July 25 (Bernama) -- The Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will join Likas community leaders and constituents for a thanksgiving on Monday following the Barisan Nasional's victory in retaining the Likas state seat in last Saturday's by-election.

Dr Mahathir is BN chairman.

The function will be held at the Sabah Trade Centre (STC) in Teluk Likas, Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Chong Kah Kiat told reporters here today after chairing the state Cabinet's weekly meeting.

About 1,000 people are expected to attend the function.

In the July 21 by-election, BN's Datuk Yong Teck Lee retained Likas with an increased majority of 7,541 votes, beating three other challengers namely Dr Chong Eng Leong of Parti Bersatu Sabah, Keadilan's Christine Liew and independent candidate Joshua Kong.

The by-election was held following a court declaration that the 1999 election result for Likas was null and void because of the existence of phantom voters and Yong's violation of certain election rules.

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