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Mahathir-Sarawak

REJECT OUTSIDERS BRINGING NEGATIVE CULTURE, PM TELLS S'WAK VOTERS

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 26 (Bernama) -- In an election eve message today, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad reminded the electorate in Sarawak not to let outsiders bringing negative culture to gain foothold in the state.

The Prime Minister said the people of Sarawak themselves should manage their own internal problems.

They should reject the entry of outsiders trying to bring in a culture of thuggery, roughness and intimidating tactics against voters, he said.

" Do not at all let people who come with brutish, roughish and intimidating culture to gain a foothold in Sarawak," he said in the message telecast over Radio Television Malaysia.

About 900,000 registered voters are eligible to elect the next state election tomorrow.

The ruling Barisan Nasional (BN) coalition has already won unopposed four of the 62 seats at stake on nomination day on Sept 18. Dr Mahathir is also the BN chairman.

Dr Mahathir said that in last year's by-election for the Lunas state seat in Kedah, for instance, such elements tried to resort to intimidating the voters there.

He hoped voters in Sarawak could calmly cast their ballots and assured them that the government has taken all precautions to ensure order.

Dr Mahathir said he was convinced that the electorate in Sarawak would once again pick BN candidates to continue running the state in a way that brought good to all communities.

" Having a BN-run state government works well with the federal BN government which in turn assists the state government obviously," he added.

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