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SARAWAK BN WORKING FOR A CLEAN SWEEP IN STATE POLLS

KUALA LUMPUR, July 7 (Bernama) -- The Sarawak Barisan Nasional (BN) will work hard to make a clean sweep of all the 62 seats up for grabs in the impending state election.

Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB) deputy president Tan Sri Alfred Jabu said the target was not impossible to achieve as the BN swept all 28 parliamentary seats in the Nov 29, 1999 parliamentary election.

"We will work hard to achieve a 100 per cent victory in the coming polls," he said in his speech at the BN Convention opened by Prime Minister and BN Chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad here today.

The one-day convention at the Putra World Trade Centre was attended by leaders of the 13 BN component parties and 4,000 members.

Jabu also pledged PBB's support to the BN to fight for the cause of the country's multi-racial and multi-religious society and stand solidly behind Dr Mahathir's leadership.

He said the people in Sarawak had confidence in the BN as the coalition had brought about political stability, racial harmony, unity and well-being to the people both in urban and rural areas.

"We are also happy with the close and cordial state-federal ties which must be preserved," he said.

Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS) president Datuk Amar Leo Moggie, in his speech, said the concept of togetherness in the BN clearly emphasised the interests of all races, including the ethnic groups in Sabah and Sarawak.

He said PBDS was happy that all the races in the country were represented in the BN and all of them were present in today's convention.

"We must also remember and be thankful to past leaders as their wisdom had brought the country to an impressive level," he said, recollecting the contributions of former prime ministers like Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al Haj, Tun Abdul Razak, Tun Hussein Onn and present prime minister Dr Mahathir.

Sarawak National Party (SNAP) president Datuk Amar James Wong Kim Min said his party recognised Umno as the BN's backbone and hence, Umno's strength must be enhanced.

Sarawak United People's Party (SUPP) president Tan Sri Dr George Chan Hong Nam said BN component parties should meet more often to discuss matters of national interests and ways to enhance inter-party cooperation.

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