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BN IS THE CHOICE OF THE MAJORITY, SAYS DPM

ALOR SETAR, July 9 (Bernama) -- The Barisan Nasional (BN) is the choice of the majority because it represents all races and religions in the country, said Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

He said the strength of the coalition front lies in its willingness and determination to fight for the welfare and interest of the people.

This was what the so-called Barisan Alternatif tried to copy but failed miserably in many aspects, he said at a meet-the-people session in Anak Bukit state constituency near here tonight.

Abdullah said the struggle of the BN is for all Malaysians, unlike the opposition party which cares only for a particular community.

"The opposition party speaks in forked-tongue, to the Muslims it says one thing and to the non Muslims another thing," he said.

He said the BN component parties also have no problem when it comes to working together, able to marshal a strong team anytime especially in facing a by-election.

On the other hand, the Barisan Alternatif collapsed after PAS announced that it wanted to set up an Islamic state causing the DAP to withdraw its support, said Abdullah, who is also the BN deputy chairman.

He said such thing did not happen in the BN when Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is also BN chairman, declared that Malaysia is an Islamic state when opening an annual meeting of Gerakan, a BN component party, last year.

"PAS had hoped that it would cause a split in the BN, just like it did to them. But it didn't happen," he said.

In fact, he said the BN became even stronger when the predominantly Christian party, Parti Bersatu Sabah (PBS) joined the BN.

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