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BN WILL DEFEND EXCELLENT RECORD IN JOHOR, SAYS GHANI

JOHOR BA HARU, July 25 (Bernama) -- Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman said today the Nasional (BN) would ensure that its excellent record in Johor would be maintained in the next general election.

"We will defend the BN (100 per cent win) record in Johor," he said at the closing of the Johor BN Convention 2002 by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad here.

Abdul Ghani, who is also Johor BN Chairman, said Johor BN made a clean sweep in 1995 and 1999 general elections.

At present, the ruling party controls 20 parliamentary and 40 state seats in the state.

"We, the BN component parties, in Johor will do our best to repeat the victory," he said.

Abdul Ghani also expressed sadness over Dr Mahathir's decision to retire next year.

"We are not willing to part with Datuk Seri (Dr Mahathir), the source of our inspirations and ideas...we still need his views and advices," he said to the applause of over 5,000 people present.

Abdul Ghani hoped that Dr Mahathir's visit to Johor would not be his last to the state as prime minister.

Also present were Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik who is also MCA President, Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, his deputy Datuk S. Subramaniam, Health Minister Datuk Chua Jui Meng and Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar.

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