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BY-ELECTION VICTORY SHOWS PEOPLE STILL WANT BN TO RULE

BANTING, Jan 20 (Bernama) -- Barisan Nasional's (BN) victory in the Indera Kayangan by-election yesterday was a clear signal from the people that they still want the coalition government to rule and bring progress to the country and people, said Deputy Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk M. Kayveas.

"The by-election victory augurs well for BN to chart its strategy for the coming general election and in the meantime the people want the coalition under Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to continue efforts to bring progress to the people," he told Bernama after performing the ground-breaking for a housing project at Batu 1, Jalan Jugra, here today.

In the by-election, BN candidate Ooi Ah Lan defeated Khoo Yang Chong from Keadilan in a straight fight securing a majority of 2,592 votes.

The by-election was held following the death of Datuk Khor Liang Tee, who was the assemblyman for Indera Kayangan on Dec 19.

Kayveas said the victory had also shown that the people were no longer willing to be cheated by the opposition and did not to accept their tactics in the election campaign.

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