

29 MAR 2002
Mahathir-Convention
PM OPENS SELANGOR BN CONVENTION

SHAH ALAM, March 29 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad opened the Selangor Barisan Nasional (BN) convention at the Selangor Youth and Culture Complex here today.

Some 3,000 leaders and members of the BN component parties were present at the one-day convention themed "One Vision, One Resolve Towards Success For The Barisan Nasional".

Also present were representatives of non-governmental organisations and student bodies of institutions of higher learning.

The prime minister was earlier escorted by 1,000 Selangor BN Youth members on 700 motorcycles to the complex where he was greeted by the thunderous sound of "kompang" and Indian drums as well as a lion dance.

He then inspected a guard-of-honour mounted by 400 BN Youth members.

Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Mohamad Khir Toyo told a media conference on Wednesday that the theme was chosen in line with the aspiration of the BN especially at state level to achieve a "zero opposition" target in the next general election.

Mohamad Khir said that the convention was also in line with the political concept of "diversity in unity" only subscribed to by the society in Malaysia.

He expressed hope that the convention would promote close cooperation between the component parties at all times.

At the convention, leaders of state BN component parties are scheduled to present working papers on, among others, consolidation of the BN, election strategy and enhancement of BN unity.

Dr Mahathir is also scheduled to launch the Selangor BN Buletin at the convention.

He is scheduled to attend a luncheon hosted by the Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah at Istana Bukit Kayangan here before performing Friday prayers at the Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah Mosque.

The prime minister is then scheduled to attend a dialogue with Selangor civil servants at the Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah Building here.

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