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POOL RESOURCES TO REPEAT BN'S CLEAN SWEEP, JOHOR UMNO TOLD

JOHOR BAHRU, June 13 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad wants Johor Umno to pool resources to maintain Barisan Nasional's (BN) 100 percent victory in the next general election in Johor.

The Umno president said BN could repeat the clean sweep of seats if Johor Umno remained united.

"Let's pool our resources to ensure a repeat of the 100 percent victory for Barisan Nasional for the sake of the future of the new generation so that Malaysia's sovereignty could remain intact in the eyes of the world," he said.

"I believe with unity Umno can maintain this performance to score a 100 percent victory in the next general election, God willing," he said in the souvenir programme of the two-day Johor Umno Convention, which will be opened by his deputy Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi tomorrow.

Dr Mahathir said in line with the power succession and electoral redelineation, the convention would provide an avenue for forging greater understanding between Umno and other BN parties.

Dr Mahathir will step down from his party and government posts in October, and he will be succeeded by Abdullah.

Umno was formed in Johor 57 years ago because the Malays realised the need to be united to oppose the colonialists, and the unity forged by them had gained independence for the country, he said.

Abdullah, in his message, said the unity among Umno members must be maintained to uphold the integrity of Malays and Muslims.

"In a situation where Muslims in all corners of the world are under pressure and Malays are still lagging far behind in many fields, Umno should play its role to pool resources to overcome this problem," he said.

He said the convention would help Johor Umno prepare for the party's general assembly and the general election.

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