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BN LAUNCHES MANIFESTO THEMED "EXCELLENCE, GLORY, DISTINCTION"

KUALA LUMPUR, March 14 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah

Ahmad Badawi today launched the Barisan Nasional (BN) manifesto themed

"Excellence, Glory, Distinction" for the 11th general election.

The manifesto covers various topics ranging from the economy to a

balanced development, education, religion, physical and spiritual development, law and public order, the civil service and foreign policy.

"The Barisan Nasional has never been satisfied with its excellent track record. We constantly look for ways to renew and improve," Abdullah, who is BN chairman, said in the manifesto launched at the Putra World Trade centre here.

Present were his wife, Datin Seri Endon Mahmood, Deputy Prime Minister

Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, MCA president Datuk Seri Ong Ka Ting, MIC

president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu and leaders of the other BN component parties.

Calling on the people to have faith in the BN, he said that the BN has the vision, planning and implementation capability to lead the nation in today's challenging world.

"We will pursue comprehensive and balanced development, based on first-class governance, management, service, mentality and noble values among all Malaysians," said Abdullah, who is leading the BN in a general election for the first time after succeeding Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Oct 31 last year.

"This new leap in development, while giving meaning to our past successes, can bring our beloved nation towards excellence, glory and distinction," said Abdullah who is also Umno president.

According BN secretary-general Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob, three million copies of the manifesto in seven versions -- bahasa Malaysia, jawi, English, Chinese, Tamil and for the Bumiputera in Sabah and Sarawak, in

Kadazan and Iban, had been printed.

The BN is contesting all the 205 parliamentary seats and 497 state seats still up for grabs after nominations yesterday.

The coalition of 14 component parties already won 14 parliamentary seats and seven state seats unopposed. PAS also won a state seat in Johor unopposed.

A total of 10.28 million Malaysian are eligible to cast their votes on polling day on Sunday.

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