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DR MAHATHIR TO CAMPAIGN FOR BN IN OPPOSITION STRONGHOLDS

KUALA LUMPUR, March 12 (Bernama) -- Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad will campaign in opposition strongholds in Kedah where the Barisan Nasional (BN) candidates have a chance to win.

The former prime minister said he would help to explain to the people what the BN struggle was all about.

"I only want to tell them the truth, to refute baseless allegations and other bad things," he said in a 20-minute interview with pilihanraya.cc, an online paper, at his office in Putrajaya today.

On the BN's chances in Kelantan, Dr Mahathir said the people supported Umno but the state Umno had its problem, that of supporting its own candidates, unlike in other states.

"Kelantan is a bit difficult. I was Kelantan Umno chief for 10 years. For two general elections I tried but failed to change their attitude," he said.

On attempt by PAS to capture Kedah, Dr Mahathir said the Kedah Umno and BN were now stronger than in the 1999 general election.

On the use of short messaging service (SMS) and Internet for campaigning, he said Malaysians were as capable as others in the use of modern technologies.

He said the responsible ones would use it for good intention while the irresponsible for bad intention.

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