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Don't be emotional when casting your votes, Dr M advises Malaysians

KLANG, Mon. - Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad called on the people not be emotional when voting in the election and urged them to think of their future since the ruling Government, all this while, had implemented programmes to benefit the people.

The former Prime Minister said the Barisan Nasional Government believed in power sharing and had a representative for even the smallest group of people in the Cabinet so that their grievances were addressed.

"This formula, drawn up before independence, is still being respected because it had worked so well," he said to the packed crowd at the Pin Hwa Chinese school here.

The candidate for the new Sungai Pinang State seat here, Khoh Siew Kim, was present. He will face DAP's Teng Chang Khim.

Among those present were Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Khir Toyo, Kapar parliamentary seat candidate Komala Krishnamoorthy and state seat candidates Datuk Rahman Palil (Sementa), Datuk Jaei Ismail (Meru) and Datuk Zakaria Md Deros (Port Klang).

He reminded the people not to fall for the tricks of the Opposition which had copied BN's system of a Barisan Alternative.

"It should actually be called Barisan Opportunists because Pas' tricks DAP to get the Chinese votes and vice versa."

Keadilan, on the other hand, he said, would become "kerdilan" (shrunken) after the election.

He said it was only BN which has a system to look after the interest of Malaysian people of all races.

"The DAP was interested in only looking after the Chinese and similarly Pas wants to look after only the Muslims.

"They also used the hate sentiments to win votes.

"But in BN we are transparent."