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Back BN candidate regardless of race, says Dr Mahathir

ALOR STAR, Sat. - Kedah Barisan Nasional election adviser Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad urged the coalition's component parties to support whoever the BN chose as a candidate in the next general election, regardless of the candidate's race or party affiliation.

Describing it as his first advice to the coalition, the former Prime Minister said this was essential if BN hoped to regain all the parliamentary and State seats it lost to the opposition.

Dr Mahathir also promised to campaign in Kedah before and during the next general election.

"Don't you all feel pity for me? If we lose I will be embarrassed. So if you do pity me, please work hard.

"This is my first advice to all of you. Please take my advice, believe me I do have a little bit of experience in elections," he said.

Dr Mahathir said this in his speech after officiating at the launch of the Kedah BN election machinery at the Sultan Abdul Halim stadium at Jalan Suka Menanti, today.

Also present were Kedah BN and Umno liaison committee chairman Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain.