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BN likely to secure a bigger majority in election, says Dr M

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THE Barisan Nasional stands a good chance of not only emerging victorious in the general election, but securing a bigger majority as well, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was quoted as saying in Tamil Nesan.

The BN chairman said the people had complete trust in the ruling coalition and would give it their backing to continue in government.

Tamil Nesan and Malaysia Nanban reported on two men who used curry powder to blind a van driver before taking his cigarette-laden vehicle in Buntong, Ipoh.

Police, however, recovered the vehicle with the goods intact and are now looking for the two men.

Both newspapers also reported that there would be 476,909 pupils sitting the Primary School Assessment Test (UPSR) which starts today. This is the first year the Science and Mathematics papers are in English. However, students can choose to answer either in English or Bahasa Malaysia.

Tamil Nesan also carried MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu's advice to pupils sitting the UPSR.

He told them to be confident and that education was important for the future.

On the Budget, Malaysia Nanban quoted National Economic Action Council executive director Datuk Mustapa Mohamad as saying that it was the best in the last 30 years.

It also quoted Cuepacs president Datuk N. Siva Subranamian as saying the Budget was a bonus to government servants.

The National Union of the Teaching Profession secretary-general praised the Government for allocating 25 per cent of the Budget for education.