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CELEBRATION A FITTING TRIBUTE TO DR MAHATHIR, SAYS MIC

KUALA LANGAT, Sept 21 (Bernama) -- The Barisan Nasional's (BN) 50th anniversary celebration at Stadium Merdeka yesterday was a fitting tribute to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Selangor MIC chairman Datuk G.Palanivel said today.

Speaking at an MIC gathering of grassroot members here, Palanivel thanked MIC members in Selangor for turning out in full force at the celebration.

He said Selangor MIC branches were directed to send only 5,000 members which worked out to five members per branch from its over 1,000 branches.

"But ultimately more than 14,000 members from Selangor and other state MIC turned up," said Palanivel, who is Deputy Rural Development Minister.

He said the celebration was a fitting tribute to Dr Mahathir, who is retiring next month.

It was also a good show of support for the BN and Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi who is taking over the leadership from Dr Mahathir, he said.

Palanivel urged the MIC branches in Selangor to mobilise their 145,000-odd members in preparation for the next general election.

He said politics was a game of numbers and "we should show our support to BN by showing our numbers".

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