

**DAP 'racist politics' now infect S'wak, says Mahathir
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Former premier Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the Sarawak election results show that the DAP has succeeded in bringing its 'racist brand of politics' to the country's largest state.

, the perpetual critic, wrote in his blog today that, prior to the election, all races had cooperated well with each other for the benefit of Sarawak.

"I congratulate the DAP for bringing its racist politics to Sarawak. Now we see clearly the Chinese community in Sarawak has rejected multi-racialism. They have become infected by the virus of Chinese racism that is the guiding principle of the DAP," he said.

"Malaysia faces a grave danger of being divided by two parties - one Malay-dominated by default and the other Chinese by choice. This will not be good for Malaysia. But this is what the DAP is striving for. A two-party system based on race will not contribute to stability, much less national unity."

In Sarawak's 10th election conducted on Saturday, the DAP led Pakatan Rakyat in winning 15 of the 71 seats in the legislative assembly.

Looking ahead to the 13th general election, the former premier said he hopes and prays that the Sarawak pattern will not be repeated in the rest of Malaysia.

"Let us all think carefully whether we want to split up this country or we are prepared to sacrifice something of our own in order to maintain the stability and growth through the BN coalition," he said.

BN also at fault

While people are blaming the SUPP for the decline in Chinese votes, Mahathir acknowledged BN is responsible for the near-total rejection of the ruling coalition by this community.

He acknowledged that he may be called a racist for pointing this out but noted that, for more than 50 years, all races in Malaysia had worked together to build the nation.

"The world saw a stable BN government with power and wealth being shared by all races quite fairly. None of the races got everything that they considered they were entitled to - not the Malays, nor the Chinese, nor Indians, nor Ibans, Kadazans, etc. All had to give up something. That is the essence of sharing.

"Now the DAP has destroyed this power and wealth-sharing formula by separating the Chinese from the rest."

Of the 15 seats that went to Pakatan, DAP took 12 seats, while PKR won three.