

**Najib: I haven't forgotten MCA**  
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Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak, while euphoric over BN candidate Mah Siew Keong's win at the Teluk Intan by-election yesterday, said he has not forgotten MCA in his promise of cabinet posts.

According to Bernama, when asked by one of the journalists if there will be two presidents of BN component parties in the cabinet referring to MCA president Liow Tiong Lai, Najib broke into laughter and said they could not forget the MCA president.

"Must not forget the MCA President... (they) also contributed (to the win)," the national news agency reported Najib saying last night from Beijing.

He was telling reporters there that he plans to honour his promise of giving Mah the ministership made at the last moments of the campaign.

Meanwhile Bernama also reported BN leaders today hailing the coalition's recapture of the Teluk Intan parliamentary seat in the by-election today as a meaningful victory and a major boost for the party.

They attributed the victory largely to the personality of the BN candidate, whom they described as wise and experienced and one who does not give up easily.

'BN-friendly parties important'

Perak Menteri Besar Zambrzy Abdul Kadir said the BN had learned a great deal from the by-election in terms of a systematic working relationship between the BN and BN-friendly parties with total focus on the by-election and no misunderstanding whatsoever.

Zambrzy, who is also the Perak BN chairman, said Mah's victory was a major boost for the BN though the majority was just 238 votes in the closely-fought contest.

Mah, 53, polled 20,157 votes to beat the DAP candidate, Dyana Sofya Mohd Daud, 27, who garnered 19,919 votes.

The result was announced by the returning officer, Ibrahim Ahmad, at the vote tallying centre at Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Abdul Rahman Talib in Teluk Intan at 9.41 pm.

The voter turnout was 67.4 percent.

Defence Minister Hishammuddin Hussein, who is an Umno vice-president, tweeted that the

people of Teluk Intan had made the right choice.

Another Umno vice-president, Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, who is the home minister, said the victory was most meaningful in championing the interests of the people.

He thanked the voters of Teluk Intan for their trust in the BN and said a systematic and coordinated work strategy had produced the victory.

BN publicity and information bureau chairman Ahmad Maslan said the BN would fulfill its pledges and expressed confidence that Mah would be a good MP.

Wanita BN chairperson Shahrizat Abdul Jalil attributed the victory to the hard work and commitment of the party machinery.

"The Teluk Intan by-election was most challenging, but we kept working and achieved victory," she said.

BN Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin said the victory was most meaningful because the BN was able to overturn the majority of more than 7,000 votes by which the DAP candidate had won the seat in the 13th general election last year.

MCA president Liow, who is visiting China with Najib, extended congratulations to Mah on his Facebook and Twitter accounts.

MIC president G Palanivel said the BN victory was a recognition of the Najib leadership.

PPP president M Kayveas said the victory showed that the people placed their trust in the BN government and that they were rational enough not to believe the opposition's provocative overtures.