

**Najib may regain seats in next GE, says Mahathir**  
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KUALA LUMPUR - Former Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad said Barisan Nasional (BN) could win back one or two states in the upcoming General Election as the opposition is currently in "shambles", Bloomberg reported.

Mahathir told Bloomberg in an interview on Nov 16 that the ruling coalition "may not get the two-thirds majority which would enable them to rule the country with a strong majority."

However, he does not rule out the possibility that BN "might be able to recover maybe one or two states."

Mahathir's remarks came amidst speculation that Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak might announce for the 13th General Election to take place by the first quarter of 2011.

The Star has also reported on Thursday that Najib, as BN's chairman, will be holding a supreme council meeting on Saturday to discuss preparations for the 13th general election.

Speaking on the opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim, Mahathir said: "At the moment, his party is in a shambles."

Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) has recently gone through some party internal issues, notably Zaid Ibrahim's abrupt decision to leave the ongoing party deputy presidential race last week and the party itself on Friday citing discrepancies and irregularities in the polls.

Mahathir commended on Najib, who he said was a "vast improvement" over his predecessor Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

Abdullah was selected to succeed Mahathir when the longest-serving PM retired in October 2003. BN saw its slimmest election victory in March 3, 2008 when Anwar's opposition seized control of five out 12 states.

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