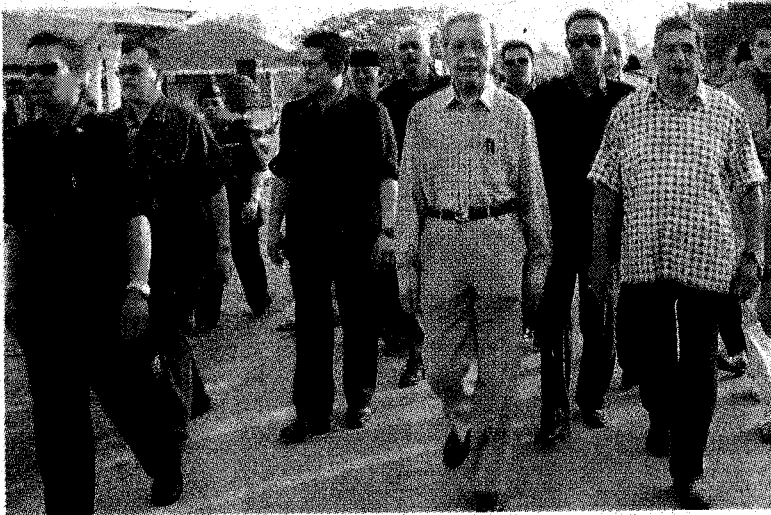


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Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad visiting the nomination centre at Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Ayer Hitam in Jerlun yesterday where his son Datuk Mukhriz Mahathir is a candidate for the parliamentary seat.

Dr M not campaigning

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JERLUN: Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad will not be going around the country campaigning for the Barisan Nasional as he did last year.

He won't even be on the trail in Kedah.

If at all, he'll be focusing his attention on Jerlun, where his son Datuk Mukhriz Mahathir

is a candidate for the parliamentary seat.

Promising at least one or two more visits to the constituency before polling day, Dr Mahathir said he would come to "look-see".

He said he felt Mukhriz had a decent chance of winning the seat after seeing the number of people who came out to sup-

port the first-time candidate at the nomination centre in SMK Ayer Hitam.

Dr Mahathir also gave BN a good prognosis, saying the ruling coalition would win despite the last-minute change of some candidates and protests from within component parties over the choice of candidates.