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Political tsunami



THE STATE OF PARLIAMENT

BN : 136
Opposition : 80
(PKR: 29 DAP: 28 PAS: 23)

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BN wins federal govt but Opposition takes five states



Democracy at work: Abdullah, flanked by wife Datin Seri Jeanne Abdullah and Najib, speaking to the press at the Putra World Trade Centre early this morning. The Prime Minister accepted Barisan Nasional's defeat in some states, saying it was all part of democracy.

KUALA LUMPUR: Barisan Nasional will form the next Government as it has won more than half of the parliamentary seats.

However, the coalition suffered some of the greatest defeats in its history.

Barisan Nasional chairman Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, in accepting the results, said this was clear proof of democracy at work in the country.

Among the results yesterday were:

- > Barisan fails to win two-thirds of parliamentary seats,
- > Barisan loses Kedah, Penang, Perak and Selangor,
- > PAS strengthens grip on Kelantan,
- > Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and Datuk Seri Ong Ka Ting won in their seats,

- > Among ministers who lost their seats were former Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu, Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil, Datuk Seri Zainuddin Maidin,
- > Gerakan acting president Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon lost at the Batu Kawan parliamentary seat.

Meanwhile, party leaders urged for calm and police have banned all victory celebrations.