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Dr M: Only BN can spur greater economic growth

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FOR FUTURE OF NATION: He warns that radical changes by Pakatan can lead to instability

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ONLY Barisan Nasional is able to spur the country to record greater economic growth, strengthen its economic transformation programmes and ensure a better life for the people, said Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The former prime minister said the people must realise that Pakatan Rakyat had no agenda whatsoever towards the development of the country compared with BN.

"Only BN is able to provide better leadership and a two-thirds majority win for BN will spur the country's economic growth and the transformation programmes spearheaded by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak," Dr Mahathir said at a conference on Malaysia's Strategic Outlook for 2013.

He said the people must think

carefully before casting their votes because change could be disruptive.

"If Pakatan wins, the first thing they will do is to make radical changes which can stunt Malaysia's economic growth and lead to political instability.

"Are the people ready for this? Think about it carefully," said Dr Mahathir, who was confident that BN would win in the 13th general election.

He said it was not easy for Najib to lead the country at the moment due to the weak majority it obtained in the 2008 general election.

"I know that people will accuse me of being biased but political interference is not good for the country."

He said a two-party system would not work in Malaysia because the Pakatan coalition was loose and formed with the sole intention of winning the elections, whereas the 14-member BN coal-

ition was formed for the betterment of the multiracial and multi-religious community.

On another matter, Dr Mahathir said he did not rule out that Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim might be involved in the issuance of identity cards (ICs) to illegal immigrants in Sabah.

"Anwar's actions is outside of my knowledge and I never gave out such an order.

"The IC project could have taken place without my knowledge and orders from the top.

"Anwar, at the time, had the power, but whatever that happened may not be due to orders from the top as Anwar always carried out things which were against the directives.

"However, I don't have proof but sometimes we know what is going on."

Dr Mahathir has been accused of issuing the ICs and citizenships to illegal immigrants in Sabah in exchange for their votes for BN.



Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad says Pakatan Rakyat has **no agenda** for development of the country