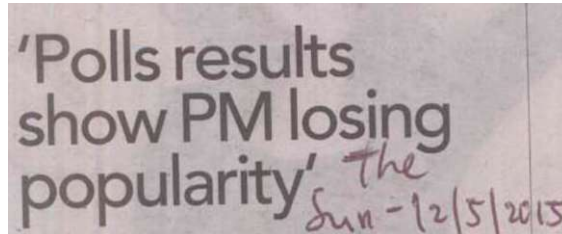


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PETALING JAYA: The by-election results in Permatang Pauh and Rompin are an indication that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak has lost support and popularity.

Writing in his blog chedetcc, former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said this will ultimately lead to Barisan Nasional's (BN) defeat in the 14th general election.

Expressing disappointment yet again on Najib's leadership, he pointed out that his hope that Najib would "correct the mistakes" made by his (Mahathir's) successor Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi was wrong.

"Najib lost badly in GE13 (13th general election). I do not believe that all (that Najib is doing) would restore support for BN.

"Nevertheless, I (had) hoped that Najib's performance would be better than Abdullah's. My hope did not become reality. Najib performed worse than Abdullah," he said.

Criticising some of Najib's flaws, Mahathir also expressed concern that there is "abuse of power" in the government where government agencies are used to "threaten" people.

Mahathir also said that Najib did not just commit the same mistakes Abdullah did, but also changed certain policies like the foreign policy and gave "priority to friendships with big powers" like the United States and Europe".

"Secretly, he has hired a British adviser and uses a foreign consultant," he said.