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Dr M: BN must be defeated in by-elections

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KUALA LUMPUR: Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has stressed that it is important for Barisan Nasional to be defeated in the Kuala Kangsar and Sungai Besar by-elections.

Dr Mahathir, in his blog post, said: “(Datuk Seri) Najib (Razak) should not be allowed to win the two by-elections. Otherwise, he will claim that the people accept him as the prime minister.

“He has already done that after the Sarawak state election on May 7. In fact, it was (Sarawak Chief Minister Tan Sri) Adenan Satem who won the election, not Najib.”

He said a defeat for BN would mean a victory of the people over Najib and urged voters to support whoever stood against BN in the by-elections.

Dr Mahathir did not rule out the possibility that Pas might go through the motion of naming candidates for the by-elections and, in the absence of a third candidate, pull out to allow BN to win unopposed.

He said Pas had put the opposition in a tough spot because if more than one candidate represented them, the votes on their side would be split, thus allowing BN to win by default.