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'Jerlun still with Umno, BN'

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ALOR STAR: The majority of the people, especially in Jerlun, still favour Umno and Barisan Nasional even if former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad were to form a new party.

Jerlun member of parliament Datuk Othman Aziz said he was confident that Kedah folk, especially people in Jerlun, could evaluate for themselves whether a party could take care of the people's wellbeing.

"I see the formation of a new party by Dr Mahathir as a normal aspect of a democratic country.

"People have the right to choose and form a political party that they believe could fight for the cause they believe in.

"It is up to the people to choose. I believe that the people can evaluate which party, either newly formed or existing ones, can fight for the people," he said at the Umno Hari Raya Aidilfitri open house at Wisma Umno Jerlun here yesterday.

Othman said people were aware that no other party could rival Umno and BN, which had ruled the country for 61 years.