



Hajiji waving to supporters before being sworn-in as chief minister yesterday. - BERNAMAPIC

## PM extends congratulations to winners of Sabah polls

**KOTA KINABALU:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has extended his congratulations to Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Seri Hajiji Noor for receiving the mandate to form the new state government.

He said the federal government respects the clear message sent by the voters in the election demanding change after facing injustice and

neglect from various parties in the past.

Anwar said the Madani government would continue its work to champion the demands and rights of the people of Sabah, building on the achievements of the last three years.

"*Alhamdulillah*, over the past three years, we have worked to resolve every inherited issue, including those

concerning claims and rights that affect Sabah's interests.

"Within, this short period, several tangline advancements have been made regarding the Malaysia Agreement 1963," he said in a post on his Facebook page yesterday.

He added that the Madani government would remain steadfast on the path of reform to ensure that

Sabah becomes a prosperous and just state and is no longer marginalised.

"The voice of the people of Sabah is a trust that we must uphold with the highest sense of responsibility."

According to the official results of the 17th Sabah State Election, Gabungan Rakyat Sabah secured 29 seats, with its closest challenger Parti Warisan obtaining 25. - Bernama