

Opposition Must Accept GE13 Results - BN Leaders
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KUALA LUMPUR, May 6 (Bernama) -- Barisan Nasional (BN) leaders hope the opposition could accept the 13th general election (GE13) results which saw the people giving a new mandate to BN to govern the country for the next five-year period.

They also hope that the public would respect the longstanding democratic practice in the country.

Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Minister Datuk Seri Noh Omar said the GE13 results showed that the country was peaceful and practised democracy in the best way possible.

"We can accept whatever the decision made by the 'rakyat' (people) and we hope the opposition does the same.

"In this general election, there were BN candidates who won and those who lost, so the claim by certain quarters that there is no democracy in this country is ill-thought," he told reporters at a reception to celebrate BN's victory in the GE13 at the World Trade Centre, here, last night.

BN won 133 of the 222 parliamentary seats while DAP obtained 38, Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) 30 and PAS, 21.

Umno Youth head Khairy Jamaluddin said although BN did not secure a two-thirds majority, the win would still enable BN to rule comfortably for the next five years.

"What is important is for us to continue the transformation agenda of Datuk Seri Najib (Tun Abdul Razak). We must not stop here but to go on. InshaAllah (God willing), we prove to the people that the new mandate given to us will not be in vain," said Khairy who retained the Rembau parliamentary seat.

Wanita Umno chief Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil said she would lead and bring women together towards national reconciliation as suggested by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak to reunite all the communities.

"We have seen the trend of extremism brought by the opposition and this is worrying," she said.

People's Progressive Party (PPP) president Datuk Seri M.Kayveas said the GE13 results showed that the people still chose political stability despite the Chinese political tsunami.

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