

**Elections Victory Shows Maturity of Sarawakians in Rejecting Politics of Hatred – Zahid  
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KUCHING, May 7 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said the landslide victory by the Barisan Nasional in the 11th Sarawak state election today showed the political maturity of the people in the state in rejecting politics of hatred.

He said it showed the determination of the people of Sarawak to see the "Land of the Hornbills" grow at a faster pace to become a high income state by 2030.

"I am very proud of the political maturity of the people of Sarawak for rejecting the politics of hatred which is against the norms of the local community.

"The people of Sarawak as responsible citizens have shown this maturity at the ballot box," he said in a statement here.

The BN sweep of 72 out of 82 seats was all the sweeter because it wrested seven Chinese seats including Batu Kawah, the most keenly watched contest in the election with SUPP president Senator Datuk Dr Sim Kui Hian coming out the victor.

Ahmad Zahid said Chinese voters in Sarawak too supported the various initiatives introduced by Sarawak Chief Minister Tan Sri Adenan Satem, more fondly known as Tok Nan.

The victory, he said, showed the Chinese community wanted their aspirations voiced in the State Legislative Assembly by BN Chinese candidates and not the opposition alone.

"Thank you for giving another five years to Tok Nan, I am sure he will continue his struggle for the people Sarawak, including the Chinese community," he said.

Ahmad Zahid said Sarawak BN's victory under 'Team Adenan' was also a measurement of the BN's capability in implementing various development programmes based on the success record before this.

"I wish to thank all the machinery and BN staffers at the state and national level for the dedication in campaigning for our beloved coalition," he said.

Ahmad Zahid added that DAP, PKR and Parti Amanah Negara which were still "thick" with their racial and religious sentiments and with different political ideologies and positions

were rejected by the voters.

"The opposition is the source of this extreme politics. They are the one destroying political development," he said, adding that they were supposed to be partners but could not work together.

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