

People's strong support helped PH form government - Dr M

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PUTRAJAYA, June 15 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad today attributed the formation of the new Pakatan Harapan (PH) government to the strong support of the people.

He said the victory of the PH coalition in the 14th general election on May 9 was not due to his effort alone.

Instead, he said, the strong support of the grassroots had overcome various obstacles, so much so that the previous administration failed.

"This is democracy, which means the people are free to elect the government of their choice. If we feel that the government is outdated and no longer suitable, we can change it through the ballot box.

"It is not necessary for the people to resort to violence, war and hostility," he said when addressing the guests at the Aidilfitri 'open house' of the Prime Minister and Cabinet ministers at Seri Perdana, the official residence of the Prime Minister, here.

Dr Mahathir said a government must realise that when the people no longer wanted it, it is better for it to begin to consider the people's views.

With the change of government, extraordinary support and unity among the races, the country will be peaceful and we can put it back on track and settle the billions of ringgit in debt chalked up by the previous administration, he said.

Dr Mahathir said that with the cooperation of the people and national security and peace, the PH government would be able to restore the country so that the people could live

without being pressured any longer by a mean government.

This is the desire of the PH government. Hopefully, we can fulfil our promises to the people," he said.

The Aidilfitri 'open house' is the first hosted by the PH government following the coalition's stunning victory in the 14th general election on May 9.

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