

Power transition

Wednesday, May 9

5pm

Polls for Malaysia's 14th general election close, with voter turnout at around 76 per cent.



Staff organising ballot boxes at a vote-counting centre in Johor Baru.

9pm

Early indications show several Barisan Nasional (BN) heavyweights are headed for defeat in their seats in Johor, including incumbent ministers and veterans.



An excited supporter of Pakatan Harapan celebrating its victory.

10.30pm

Pakatan Harapan (PH) declares it has won a simple majority of state assembly seats in Negeri Sembilan, enabling it to form the state government.

Thursday May 10

12.30am

BN Youth and Umno youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin thanks voters. "Malaysians have spoken. And the people's voice is sacred," he says. Election Commission (EC) denies any conspiracy in delaying results, says it is still trying to tally votes. Meanwhile, a scheduled press conference by BN chief Najib Razak is postponed to later in the day.

2am

EC declares that PH has won Johor, and retained Selangor.

2.30am

BN leaders gather at Datuk Seri Najib Razak's house in Kuala Lumpur.

11am

Defeated PM Najib makes his first public appearance (right) after BN's loss and holds a press conference where he stops short of conceding defeat, saying because no party has a simple majority, the King will determine who the next PM will be. He also says he accepts the verdict of the people.



9pm

Istana Negara issues a press statement strongly refuting any allegation that the King delayed the appointment of Dr Mahathir as PM. It says the King strongly supports and respects the democratic process and the wishes of his subjects.



9.30pm

Dr Mahathir is sworn in as Malaysia's seventh prime minister.

2.45pm

Istana Negara receives the official results of the election from the EC.

Noon



9.30pm

Police issue a statement on a viral social media photo (left) depicting army personnel stationed in Putrajaya, saying it is untrue.

11.20pm

Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad claims PH has "practically" clinched 112 seats, and accuses BN of a deliberate attempt to delay the announcement of results. "The likelihood is that they would not be forming the government," he tells reporters. "We believe certain meetings are being held. And we worry what's the intention of these meetings."

12.05am

PH claims it has won Kedah



Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir (second from left) at a press conference announcing Kedah's win. He won the Jerlun parliamentary seat and Jitra state seat.

1.10am

EC announces that BN has retained Perlis and Pahang but lost Terengganu to Parti Islam SeMalaysia (PAS) and Negeri Sembilan to PH. PH retains Penang and PAS retains Kelantan.

3am

Dr Mahathir declares victory for PH (below), as it has achieved a simple majority of 112. He hopes there will be a swearing-in ceremony for the next prime minister soon.



3.30am

PKR chairman Wan Azizah Wan Ismail invited to have an audience with the King, Sultan Muhammad V.



Dr Mahathir holds up a document with the signatures of alliance party leaders naming him as the prime minister during a news conference in Petaling Jaya. Beside him is PKR chairman Wan Azizah Wan Ismail.

Noon

Dr Mahathir holds a press conference and says he has the support of 135 MPs, far surpassing the 112 needed for a simple majority. He says PH has also asked the King to have him sworn in, and hopes this can be done by 5pm. The King agrees to grant him an audience.

1.38pm

Istana Negara receives a letter from PH members supporting the appointment of Dr Mahathir as PM.

5pm

The King meets leaders of PH member parties - Datuk Seri Wan Azizah of PKR, Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin of Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (PPBM), Mr Lim Guan Eng of Democratic Action Party (DAP) and Mr Mohamad Sabu of Amanah - at Istana Negara. After interviewing them and hearing their views, he decides to invite Dr Mahathir to form the next federal government and swear him in at night.



Supporters cheer as Dr Mahathir arrives at the Istana Negara.