

KUCHING, SEPT. 6 (BERNAMA) — (DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY STRESSED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING THE PRESENT +EXCELLENT+ RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE SARAWAK STATE AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS.

+AS IT IS NOW WE HAVE THE BEST PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN STATE AND THE FEDERAL LEADERS.

+THAT IS WHY WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THE NEEDS AND WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE, + HE TOLD THE PEOPLE AT A MEET-THE-PEOPLE SESSION AT PUSA, ABOUT 170 MILES EAST OF HERE.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER WHO ARRIVED YESTERDAY VISITED TWO OTHER RIVERINE DISTRICTS — DEBAK AND BELADIN IN THE SECOND DIVISION. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY DEPUTY FEDERAL HEALTH MINISTER, DR. SULAIMAN HAJI DAUD.

HIS VISIT IS IN SUPPORT OF THE BARISAN NASIONAL CANDIDATE HAJI ZAINUDDIN SATEM WHO IS CONTESTING THE BARITAS CONSTITUENCY AGAINST PAJAR PRESIDENT HAJI ALLI KAWI. — BERNAMA MORE 1906/A1

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO UMNO DEPUTY PRESIDENT, DISMISSED CLAIMS BY THE OPPOSITION PAJAR THAT IT HAD UMNO SUPPORT.

+WE WILL NEVER SUPPORT ANY PARTY EXCEPT THE SARAWAK BARISAN NASIONAL, + HE ADDED.

EARLIER AT DEBAK, THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER TOLD THE PEOPLE THAT SARAWAK HAD ENJOYED TREMENDOUS PROGRESS SINCE JOINING MALAYSIA 16 YEARS AGO.

THE PEOPLE COULD SEE FOR THEMSELVES THE BETTER FACILITIES — ROADS AND COMMUNICATIONS, MEDICAL CARE AS WELL AS EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES — BROUGHT BY THE GOVERNMENT ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE.

+IT IS THEREFORE IMPORTANT THAT IN THIS COMING STATE ELECTIONS THE PEOPLE ELECT RESPONSIBLE LEADERS WHO CAN LOOK AFTER THEIR WELFARE, + HE SAID. — BERNAMA MORE 1910/A1

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THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID THE OPPOSITION HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO FIELD ENOUGH CANDIDATES TO A FORM A GOVERNMENT.

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES MEANWHILE WERE TRYING TO HOODWINK THE PEOPLE INTO BELIEVING THAT THEY COULD DO SOMETHING POSITIVE FOR THE PEOPLE WHEN ELECTED.

SARAWAK CHIEF MINISTER DATUK PATINGGI TAN SRI HAJI ABDUL RAHMAN YAKUB URGED BARISAN NASIONAL SUPPORTERS TO STRENGTHEN THEIR UNITY AND ALWAYS BE ON THE ALERT AGAINST ELEMENTS TRYING TO DISRUPT THEIR SOLIDARITY.

DATUK PATINGGI RAHMAN ANNOUNCED THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAD GRANTED MINOR SCHOLARSHIPS TO 289 PUPILS TO STUDY AT THE GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL AT SARIAS AND TO ANOTHER 114 TO STUDY AT THE GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL AT DEBAK.

UMNO YOUTH LEADER HAJI SUHAIMI DATUK KAMARUDDIN ALSO ACCOMPANIED DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR ON THE VISIT. — BERNAMA MORE 1914/A1

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LATER SPEAKING TO REPORTERS BEFORE RETURNING TO KUALA LUMPUR, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR ASSURED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO TAKE EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM OF DIESEL SHORTAGE.

+BESIDES FIXING THE PRICE OF THE COMMODITY, WE ARE ALSO SENDING ADEQUATE SUPPLIES TO EVERY PLACE, + HE SAID.

HE CRITICISED THE OPPOSITION DAP FOR TURNING THE MATTER INTO A POLITICAL ISSUE IN ITS CAMPAIGN IN THE SARAWAK STATE ELECTIONS.

— BERNAMA 1916/A1