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SIBU, APRIL 14 (BERNAMA) - PRIME MINISTER, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, TODAY EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THE BARISAN NASIONAL WOULD DO WELL IN SABAH AND SARAWAK IN THE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS.

HE TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE END OF HIS TWO-DAY VISIT TO THE TWO STATES THAT THE PEOPLE SHOULD REJECT THE RACIST ATTITUDES OF THE OPPOSITION PARTIES.

HE URGED THE PEOPLE IN SARAWAK TO WORK TOGETHER AND PRESERVE THE CURRENT HARMONIOUS SITUATION TO ENSURE CONTINUED PEACE AND PROGRESS.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR ALSO EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN SABAH AND SARAWAK AND HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THEY WOULD ACHIEVE GREATER PROGRESS IN THE FUTURE.

REPLYING TO A QUESTION, HE SAID THERE WAS NOTHING NEW TO HIS BOOK +THE MALAY DELIMMA+ BEING MADE A POLITICAL ISSUE AS IN 1978 PAS BRANDED IT +ANTI-MALAY+ AND NOW THE DAP SAID IT WAS ANTI-CHINESE.

+THIS MEANS I AM NEUTRAL,+ HE QUIPPED TO LOUD APPLAUSE FROM THOSE PRESENT. -- BERNAMA MORE 2012/ZCM

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TO ANOTHER QUESTION, HE REPLIED THAT AIR SERVICES WITHIN AND BETWEEN SABAH AND SARAWAK AND PENINSULAR MALAYSIA HAD IMPROVED TREMENDOUSLY OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS.

COMMENTING ON THE SHOOTING OF THE FORMER NEGRI SEMBILAN SPEAKER, DATUK MOHAMED TAHA TALIB, BY AN UNKNOWN GUNMAN, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID HE WAS AWAITING A REPORT ON THE INCIDENT. UNTIL THEN, HE WOULD NOT KNOW WHETHER THE INCIDENT WAS POLITICALLY MOTIVATED.

EARLIER, THE PRIME MINISTER AND HIS WIFE, DATIN SERI DR. SITI HASMAH, WERE GIVEN A ROUSING WELCOME BY SEVERAL HUNDRED BARISAN NASIONAL SUPPORTERS.

THE SAME CROWD BRAVED A HEAVY DOWNPOUR TO BID FAREWELL TO THE PRIME MINISTER AND HIS DELEGATION WHEN THEY LEFT FOR ALOR STAR.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WERE THE CHIEF MINISTER, DATUK PATINGGI HAJI ABDUL TAIB MAHMUD, EDUCATION MINISTER DATUK DR. SULAIMAN HAJI DAUD, STATE COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS MINISTER DATUK DR. WONG SOON KAI AND OTHER LOCAL DIGNITARIES. -- BERNAMA 2015/ZCM