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KOTA KINABALU, JULY 8, (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT THE NEXT DEWAN RAKYAT SITTING SCHEDULED TO START ON JULY 14 HAS BEEN DEFERED FOR A WEEK AS SEVERAL BILLS ARE NOT READY FOR TABLING.

HE SAID COMPLETION OF THE BILLS WAS DELAYED DUE TO +USUAL PROCESSES+ AND HE HAD DECIDED TO DEFER THE SITTING TO JULY 21.

THE PRIME MINISTER WAS SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE HERE AT THE END OF HIS TWO-DAY VISIT TO SABAH. ALSO PRESENT WERE CHIEF MINISTER DATUK JOSEPH PAIRIN KITINGAN AND STATE CABINET MEMBERS.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID HE FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO ACCEPT THE CONTENTION THAT THE PEOPLE HAD LOST FAITH IN THE GOVERNMENT BECAUSE IT HAD NOT ANNOUNCED THE DATE OF THE COMING GENERAL ELECTION.

HOWEVER, HE AGREED WITH THE OPINIONS OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER DATUK HUSSEIN ONN AND UMNO DEPUTY PRESIDENT DATUK MUSA HITAM THAT THE PEOPLE WERE WONDERING WHEN THE GENERAL ELECTION WOULD BE HELD AND THAT THE GUESSING GAME SHOULD BE PUT TO A STOP. -- MORE  
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+REGARDING THE ELECTION DATE, I HAVE NO IDEA WHEN THAT WILL BE.+ HE SAID JOKINGLY WHEN ASKED TO GIVE AN INDICATION OF THE DATE.

HE ALSO DECLINED TO DISCLOSE THE DATE OF THE UMNO POLITICAL BUREAU MEETING WHICH IS EXPECTED TO FIX THE DATE FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION.

THE PRIME MINISTER, WHO HAD EARLIER ATTENDED A MEETING WITH SABAH BN LEADERS FROM THE PARTI BERSATU SABAH (PBS), BERJAYA AND USNO, SAID THE MEETING DISCUSSED THE ALLOCATION OF SEATS, SABAH BN STRATEGY IN FACING THE ELECTION AND PROCEDURES OF MEETINGS.

HE SAID ALL DECISIONS, INCLUDING ON THE ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO COMPONENT PARTIES, WOULD BE MADE BY THE BN HEADQUARTERS SOON.

THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO SAID HE HAD ADVISED ALL BN PARTIES NOT TO FIELD INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES FOR THE COMING GENERAL ELECTION AS +WE WILL CERTAINLY NOT ACCEPT INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES.+ -- MORE  
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ON HIS TWO-DAY VISIT TO THE STATE, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HE WAS SATISFIED WITH WHAT HE HAD SEEN SUCH AS THE FACILITIES OF THE AIRPORT TERMINAL HERE AS WELL AS THE FERI MALAYSIA TERMINAL WHICH WAS NEARING COMPLETION.

HE ALSO EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH ACCEPTANCE OF ALL QUARTERS OF THE FORMATION OF THE BARISAN NASIONAL IN SABAH AND WITH ALL BN COMPONENT PARTIES AGREEING TO USE THE BN SYMBOL FOR THE COMING GENERAL ELECTION.

ON COOPERATION AMONG BN COMPONENT PARTIES AT STATE LEVEL IN SABAH, HE SAID THE UNIQUE SITUATION WHEREBY PARTIES USED THEIR OWN SYMBOLS FOR STATE ELECTIONS WOULD CONTINUE.

HE ALSO SAID AMENDING THE SABAH CONSTITUTION TO PREVENT CROSS-OVERS OF STATE ASSEMBLYMEN TO OTHER PARTIES WAS ENTIRELY UP TO THE STATE GOVERNMENT.

HOWEVER, HE FELT SUCH A MOVE WAS NOT NECESSARY AT FEDERAL LEVEL.

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