

No crisis of confidence in Govt, says Mahathir

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KOTA KINABALU, Tues. — There is no crisis of confidence in the Government, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

He was referring to a statement by Tun Hussein Onn and Datuk Musa Hitam that a general election should be held soon because there was a crisis of confidence in the Government.

Dr Mahathir said: "I am unable to agree with them."

He also confirmed that he had written a letter to the Speaker of Parliament to postpone the sitting by one week from July 14 to July 21 because "several Bills were not ready."

Asked whether this means a general election would be called this month, he said "anything is possible."

"I can go back today and call for an election. But at this point in time, I myself do not know when the election will be held," he told reporters after chairing a State Barisan meeting.

"We discussed seat allocations and election procedure and strategy. The proposals will be further debated at the Barisan Supreme Council meeting," he added.

He also said that all three Barisan parties — the ruling Parti Bersatu Sabah, Usno and Berjaya — were advised not to field independents.

Dr Mahathir, who is also Barisan chairman and Umno president, added that the requests from Usno and Berjaya for more seats will be submitted to the Barisan Supreme Council.