

PM: We'll ensure the safety of Sababans

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs.
— Prime Minister Datuk
Seri Dr Mahathir Moha-
mat has assured Saba-
hans of their safety fol-
lowing the spate of bomb-
ings and demonstrations
in Kota Kinabalu yester-
day.

Dr Mahathir said the
police were in full control
of the situation and he
saw no need for Federal
intervention despite re-
quests by Berjaya and
Usno to do so.

He said the Govern-
ment would only act on
the advice of the police
when the need arises.

"The police are there.
We will look after the peo-
ple," he told reporters af-
ter opening an exhibition
of Ibrahim Hussein's
paintings at the National
Art Gallery this morning.

"It is not necessary to
send reinforcements
there. We will send (rein-
forcements) if necessary
and when the police ad-
vise us to do so," he ad-
ded.

Asked about allegations
by DAP secretary-general
Lim Kit Siang that the
bombings and demonstra-
tions were a conspiracy
by Kuala Lumpur to top-
ple the PBS Government,
Dr Mahathir exclaimed:
"Oh, my God!"

"Ask them to prove that
it was a conspiracy. What
do I know of this thing?"
he said.

"Ask Lim Kit Siang. He
knows about it," Dr Ma-
hathir added.

He said that nothing the
Government did could
ever please the DAP.

On calls by Usno and
Berjaya for the Federal
Government to intervene
in Sabah, Dr Mahathir
said: "I am not interven-
ing.

"They can ask for it,"
he added.

On whether the Govern-
ment would proclaim a
state of emergency in Sa-
bah, Dr Mahathir said:
"We did not discuss it."