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-- THE DEWAN RAKYAT WAS TODAY TOLD THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL NOT DECLARE AN EMERGENCY IN SABAH IF THIS CAN BE AVOIDED.

PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD ADMITTED HOWEVER THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS WORRIED BY THE CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE STATE.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD TO EXERCISE CARE IN TAKING ACTION BECAUSE NOT ONLY THE QUESTION OF SECURITY BUT ALSO SEVERAL POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS WERE INVOLVED

+WE HAVE TRIED TO FIND A POLITICAL SOLUTION (TO THE PROBLEM); UNFORTUNATELY THERE ARE SOME QUARTERS THAT ARE NOT TOO KEEN ON SUCH A SOLUTION.+

THEY HAD THEIR OWN WAY OF RESOLVING THE PROBLEM; HE SAID WHEN REPLYING TO POINTS RAISED DURING THE DEBATE ON THE MOTION OF THANKS FOR THE ROYAL ADDRESS OPENING THE CURRENT PARLIAMENT SESSION. -- MORE  
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HE SAID THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HOPED THE METHOD PROPOSED BY THEM WOULD NOT SUCCEED.

+AS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, WE WILL NOT SIDE WITH ANY QUARTER IN THE MATTER BUT WILL ENSURE PEACE WILL PREVAIL AND THE STATE ELECTIONS HELD,+ HE ADDED.

HE DESCRIBED THE SITUATION IN SABAH AS TENSE IN VIEW OF SUSPENSION OF BUSINESS IN SEVERAL LARGE TOWNS AND CLOSURE OF SCHOOLS BECAUSE PARENTS FEARED TO SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL.

HE SAID RESIDENTS IN SEVERAL PLACES WERE AFRAID TO GO OUT AND SOME WERE EVEN PREPARING TO DEFEND THEMSELVES OR RETALIATE.

THE PRIME MINISTER ASSURED THAT THE POLICE WOULD CARRY OUT THEIR TASKS AS USUAL WITHOUT ANY BIAS. -- MORE  
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POLICE HAD TO DATE DETAINED NEARLY 800 PEOPLE AND THOSE OF THEM WHO WERE NOT MALAYSIAN CITIZENS HAD BEEN DEPORTED FROM SABAH.

ACTION UNDER THE LAW WOULD BE TAKEN AGAINST ANYONE INVOLVED IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES.

HE STRESSED HOWEVER THAT ALTHOUGH THE SITUATION IN SABAH WAS TENSE, SECURITY IN THE STATE WAS ON THE WHOLE UNDER CONTROL.

ALL EFFORTS WOULD BE MADE TO RESTORE PEACE AND ORDER SO THAT FRESH ELECTIONS IN THE STATE COULD BE HELD (FOLLOWING THE RECENT DISSOLUTION OF THE STATE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THIS PURPOSE).

HE REITERATED THAT THE POLICE HAD THE CAPABILITY TO SAFEGUARD SECURITY AND IF REQUIRED, MORE REINFORCEMENTS WOULD BE SENT TO THE STATE. -- BERNAMA

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