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IPOH, MARCH 15 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY THAT HIS VISIT TO SABAH NEXT MONTH WILL BE AN +ORDINARY+ ONE TO HAVE A LOOK AT THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS IN THE STATE.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT THE VISIT WOULD BE FOR THE SAME PURPOSE AS HIS VISITS TO OTHER STATES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

HE SAID THIS TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT HERE WHEN ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE VISIT TO SABAH, WHICH WILL BE HIS FIRST SINCE PARTI BERSATU SABAH CAME TO POWER.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO REITREATED HIS CONFIDENCE THAT THE POLICE WERE CAPABLE OF HANDLING THE SITUATION IN THE STATE WHERE A SPATE OF BOMBING INCIDENTS OCCURRED A FEW DAYS AGO.

HE ADDED THAT IF THE SITUATION IN THE STATE WAS DANGEROUS, +THE POLICE WILL SAY SO+. -- MORE

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REPLYING TO A QUESTION, HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO DECIDE WHETHER THE BOMBINGS WERE POLITICALLY-MOTIVATED.

+WE WILL HAVE TO DETERMINE WHO IS BEHIND THE BOMBING.

+I DON'T THINK THAT WE SHOULD BLAME ANYBODY AT THE MOMENT,+ HE ADDED. -- BERNAMA/CS

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