

# PM: I'll visit Sabah next month

IPOH, Fri. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today that he will visit Sabah next month — his first to the State since Parti Bersatu Sabah (PBS) came to power last April.

"According to my programme, I will be in Sabah next month," he told reporters after chairing meetings of the State Barisan Nasional and State Umno Liaison Committee.

Umno officials have said that Dr Mahathir is scheduled to visit Sabah on April 4 and 5 as part of his nationwide tour.

Dr Mahathir also said that the situation in Sabah, where there was a spate of

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bombings, demonstrations and fires during the past two days, was under control.

"From my reports, I think we have sufficient police personnel there to look after the situation," he said.

Dr Mahathir assured Sabahans that the Government would do everything it could to stop the bombings.

On reports today that Datuk Musa Hitam had decided to withdraw his resignation as Umno deputy president, Dr Mahathir said: "It's only a newspaper report.

"I will have to wait until the (Supreme Council) delegates return and brief me before I can comment."

Dr Mahathir met the four-man Umno delegation for about 20 minutes tonight.

Dr Mahathir said this morning's meeting was to outline the Barisan Nasional's strategy for the coming general election.

Asked whether the general election would be held in May, he replied: "I don't know. You can speculate."