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KUALA LUMPUR, MARCH 26 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD THIS EVENING MET SEPARATELY WITH USNO PRESIDENT TUN DATU MUSTAPHA DATU HARUN AND BERJAYA PRESIDENT DATUK HAJI MOHAMAD NOOR MANSOOR AT HIS OFFICE HERE.

BARISAN NASIONAL SECRETARY-GENERAL GHAFAR BABA WAS PRESENT AT THE TWO MEETINGS.

PARTI BERSATU SABAH (PBS) DEPUTY PRESIDENT MARK KODING WHO ARRIVED HERE AT THE HEAD OF A 16-MEMBER PBS DELEGATION THIS AFTERNOON HAS YET TO MEET THE PRIME MINISTER.

THE LEADERS OF THE THREE MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES IN SABAH ARE HERE TO DISCUSS THE FORMULA PUT FORWARD BY THE PRIME MINISTER TO SOLVE THE STATE'S POLITICAL CRISIS.

ONCE AN ACCORD IS REACHED, AN AGREEMENT WILL BE SIGNED TO RESOLVE THE POLITICAL PROBLEM IN THE STATE.

ENCIK GHAFAR ARRIVED AT THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT AT 4.50 PM AND WAS FOLLOWED BY TUN DATU MUSTAPHA 30 MINUTES LATER.

TUN DATU MUSTAPHA, WHO ARRIVED HERE YESTERDAY AT THE HEAD OF AN USNO DELEGATION, LEFT AT 5.50 PM. -- MORE
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MEANWHILE, ENCIK KODING TOLD REPORTERS ON ARRIVAL AT THE KUALA LUMPUR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT SUBANG THAT HE WAS SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH ENCIK GHAFAR TONIGHT.

REPLYING TO A QUESTION, ENCIK KODING WHO IS SABAH DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER, SAID HIS MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER DEPENDED ON THE OUTCOME OF HIS MEETING WITH ENCIK GHAFAR.

DATUK HAJI MOHAMAD NOOR, WHO ARRIVED ON THE SAME FLIGHT WITH ENCIK MARK KODING, MET THE PRIME MINISTER AT 6 PM.

AFTER ABOUT 30 MINUTES, HE EMERGED FROM THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND TOLD REPORTERS WAITING OUTSIDE THE GATE THAT +WE DID NOT DISCUSS MUCH AND WE WILL MEET AGAIN TOMORROW.+

HE SAID THE MEETING WITH DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WAS A FOLLOW-UP TO THEIR MEETING IN KOTA KINABALU ON MONDAY. -- MORE
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DATUK HAJI MOHAMAD NOOR SAID THAT HE WAS UNABLE TO SAY WHETHER HE WOULD HOLD A SEPARATE MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER OR TOGETHER WITH ENCIK KODING AND TUN DATU MUSTAPHA.

DATUK HAJI MOHAMAD NOOR TONIGHT HELD DISCUSSIONS HERE WITH MEMBERS OF THE BERJAYA SUPREME COUNCIL.

ON HIS POSITION AS SABAH BN CHAIRMAN, HE SAID: +IF A COALITION GOVERNMENT IS SET UP IN THE STATE, IT WILL BE BETTER IF THE PRIME MINISTER BECOMES THE SABAH BN CHAIRMAN.+

ENCIK GHAFAR DECLINED TO MEET THE REPORTERS WHEN HE EMERGED FROM THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE BUT JUST WAVED AND DROVE OFF.

TUN DATU MUSTAPHA ALSO DID NOT MEET THE PRESS WHEN HE CAME OUT OF THE OFFICE. -- MORE
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ENCIK KODING ALSO TOLD REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT THAT PARTY PRESIDENT DATUK JOSEPH PAIRIN KITINGAN WAS UNABLE TO COME TO KUALA LUMPUR BECAUSE HE WAS INDISPOSED.

HE SAID THAT DATUK PAIRIN MIGHT COME HERE WHEN HIS HEALTH PERMITTED.

ENCIK KODING SAID THAT THE PBS DELEGATION WAS IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TO MEET SPECIFIC GROUPS OF PEOPLE AND TO DISCUSS FOLLOW-UP MEASURES TO WHAT HAD BEEN AGREED TO BETWEEN DATUK PAIRIN AND THE PRIME MINISTER DURING THEIR MEETING IN KOTA KINABALU LAST MONDAY.

REPLYING TO A QUESTION, ENCIK KODING SAID IT WAS TOO EARLY FOR HIM TO COMMENT ON HIS PARTY'S VIEWS ON THE FORMULA.

HE COULD ONLY COMMENT ON THE MATTER AFTER HIS MEETING TONIGHT WITH ENCIK GHAFAR. -- MORE
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REPLYING TO ANOTHER QUESTION, ENCIK KODING SAID THE PBS MUST THINK POSITIVELY WHETHER IT COULD COOPERATE WITH THE OPPOSITION PARTIES IN A COALITION GOVERNMENT.

+WE HAVE TO THINK OF SOME KIND OF COOPERATION,+ ENCIK KODING SAID.

ENCIK GHAFAR SAID IN MELAKA YESTERDAY THAT AN AGREEMENT WOULD BE SIGNED IN KUALA LUMPUR AMONG USNO, BERJAYA AND PBS ONCE THEY GIVE A REPLY AGREEING TO THE FORMULA. -- BERNAMA
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