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KOTA BAHARU, MARCH 28, (BERNAMA) -- THE SABAH STATE ELECTION WILL BE HELD AND A COALITION GOVERNMENT WILL BE SET UP NO MATTER WHICH PARTY WINS, PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY. HE SAID THE ELECTION COULD NOT BE AVOIDED AS THE DISSOLUTION OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY BY THE YANG DIPERTUA NEGERI COULD NOT BE REVOKED UNDER THE LAW.

EVEN IF THE PARTI BERSATU SABAH (PBS) WERE TO EMERGE WITH A MAJORITY IN THE COMING ELECTION, A COALITION GOVERNMENT AMONG THE PBS, USNO AND BERJAYA WOULD BE FORMED, HE TOLD REPORTERS AFTER A MEETING HERE WITH LEADERS OF THE 13 UMNO DIVISIONS IN KELANTAN.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS BARISAN NASIONAL CHAIRMAN, WAS COMMENTING ON THE PBS PROPOSAL THAT IT AND THE OTHER TWO PARTIES FORM A COALITION GOVERNMENT AFTER THE ELECTION. -- MORE
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REPORTS SAID THE PBS WOULD PRESENT THE PROPOSAL AT A MEETING WITH USNO AND BERJAYA TOMORROW DURING TALKS ON THE +SABAH FORMULA+ PROVIDED BY THE PRIME MINISTER TO RESOLVE THE POLITICAL CRISIS IN THE STATE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS ON A TWO-DAY VISIT TO KELANTAN, SAID THERE WERE INDICATIONS THAT AN AGREEMENT WOULD BE REACHED BY THE THREE PARTIES.

HE FELT THAT BERJAYA WOULD GO ALONG WITH THE PROPOSAL WHILE USNO WOULD ALSO BE AGREEABLE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE AGREEMENT WOULD PROBABLY BE SIGNED TOMORROW AND THAT HE HAD BEEN GIVEN TO UNDERSTAND THE PACT WOULD INCLUDE A PROVISION FOR A COALITION GOVERNMENT IN SABAH.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS HOPEFUL OF AN END +TO ALL THOSE NONSENSE+ IN SABAH.

HE SAID THE BOMB EXPLOSIONS AND DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE STATE WOULD BE A THING OF THE PAST IF EVERYONE CONCERNED GAVE THEIR COOPERATION, ADDING THAT +I THINK THEY ARE REASONABLE PEOPLE AND THEY TOO DON'T WANT ANYTHING HARMFUL TO HAPPEN IN SABAH+. -- MORE
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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT FOR THE PBS TO BE ACCEPTED AS A MEMBER OF THE BN, THE PARTY MUST REPRESENT THE VARIOUS COMMUNITIES IN SABAH.

HE SAID THE PBS HAD TRIED TO ENLIST THE SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION OF ALL THE COMMUNITIES BUT UNFORTUNATELY ITS EFFORTS HAD LED TO TENSION AND POLITICAL INSTABILITY IN THE STATE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR FELT THE PBS' APPROACH TO MAKE ITSELF A MULTIRACIAL PARTY WAS INCORRECT AND THAT ITS LEADERS MUST FIND OTHER WAYS, SUCH AS FORMING A COALITION GOVERNMENT.

HE HOPED A SOLUTION WOULD BE FOUND AND THAT THE SITUATION IN SABAH WOULD RETURN TO NORMAL. -- BERNAMA
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