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PAIRIN-FORMULA

KUALA LUMPUR, MARCH 30th (BERNAMA) -- SABAH CHIEF MINISTER DATUK JOSEPH PAIRIN KITINGAN SAID TONIGHT DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD HAD NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED A COALITION AMONG PBS, BERJAYA AND USNO TO RESOLVE THE POLITICAL CRISIS IN SABAH.

INSTEAD, HE TOLD REPORTERS ON ARRIVAL AT THE KUALA LUMPUR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT HERE, THE PRIME MINISTER HAD ONLY MENTIONED +POSSIBLE COOPERATION+ AMONG THE THREE PARTIES.

+WHILE IN KOTA KINABALU (ON MONDAY), THE PRIME MINISTER HAD NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED A COALITION BUT INSTEAD SPOKE OF COOPERATION,+ DATUK PAIRIN, WHO IS ALSO THE PBS PRESIDENT, SAID.

HE SAID THE ORIGINAL IDEA OF THE UMNO-SPONSORED +SABAH FORMULA+ WAS COOPERATION AFTER THE STATE ELECTIONS DUE BEFORE MAY 26. THE STATE ASSEMBLY WAS DISSOLVED ON FEB 26 FOLLOWING A PROLONGED POLITICAL CRISIS IN THE STATE.

+AT NO POINT HAVE WE RUN AWAY FROM THE ORIGINAL INTENTION TO COOPERATE (AFTER THE ELECTIONS),+ HE ADDED. -- MORE
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PAIRIN-FORMULA 2 KUALA LUMPUR

DATUK PAIRIN SAID THERE WAS A NEED FOR PROPER DISCUSSIONS, A GIVE-AND-TAKE FLEXIBILITY AND GENUINE INTENTION FOR COOPERATION WHICH HE ADDED HAD +WIDE-RANGING MEANINGS+, INCLUDING IN THE FORM OF A COALITION.

HE ALSO STRESSED THAT SHOULD PBS SECURE A MAJORITY OR A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY IN THE STATE ASSEMBLY, THE PARTY WOULD STILL CONSIDER COOPERATING WITH THE OTHER PARTIES IN SABAH.

ON THE FORMULA ITSELF, DATUK PAIRIN SAID PBS WAS BASICALLY AGREEABLE IN PRINCIPLE.

NOTING THAT THE FORMULA BASICALLY DID NOT WANT THE STATE ELECTION TO GO AHEAD, HE SAID: +...AS A LAWYER I KNEW THAT IT WAS A DIFFICULT THING TO CONSIDER (REVOKING THE DISSOLUTION OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY).+

+IN PRINCIPLE I (HAD) AGREED BUT THE MATTER MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE (PBS) SUPREME COUNCIL TO BE FINALISED,+ HE ADDED. -- MORE
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PAIRIN-FORMULA 3 KUALA LUMPUR

DATUK PAIRIN SAID HE HIMSELF WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO MAKE ANY DECISION REGARDING THE FORMULA.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL HAD ADVISED AGAINST ANY MOVE TO REVOKE THE DISSOLUTION.

DATUK PAIRIN SAID THE STATE ELECTION WOULD BE HELD AS REQUIRED BY THE CONSTITUTION.

HE SAID MANY OTHER THINGS WERE ALSO DISCUSSED BETWEEN THE PBS DELEGATION LED BY SABAH DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER AND PBS DEPUTY PRESIDENT MARK KODING AND BN SECRETARY-GENERAL GHAFAR SABA (EARLIER THIS WEEK) THAT WERE NOT PART OF THE ORIGINAL FORMULA.

DATUK PAIRIN ALSO SPOKE OUT AGAINST BERJAYA AND USNO WHICH HE SAID WERE TRYING +TO PLAY OUT+ PBS.

HE CLAIMED THAT BERJAYA AND USNO WERE NOT SINCERE IN ACCEPTING THE FORMULA.

+TALK ABOUT SINCERITY; THERE WAS NO SINCERITY. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT SINCERITY, LET'S HAVE SINCERITY.+ -- MORE
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PAIRIN-FORMULA 4 KUALA LUMPUR

DATUK PAIRIN SAID HE WOULD BE DELIVERING A LETTER TO EXPLAIN THE PBS POSITION VIS-A-VIS THE FORMULA WHEN HE MEETS DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR.

+WITH THE LETTER, BN LEADERS WILL KNOW WHAT WE ARE PRESENTING. THE ISSUE (OF SETTLING THE CRISIS) IS NOT TO BE DONE HURRIEDLY.+

REGARDING THE CANCELLATION OF THE SCHEDULED SIGNING OF AN AGREEMENT AMONG THE THREE PARTIES HERE ON SATURDAY, DATUK PAIRIN SAID PBS WAS NOT INFORMED ABOUT ANY SIGNING OF AN AGREEMENT.

HE SAID THAT WHEN ENCIK GHAFAR RANG HIM UP ON FRIDAY, HE WAS AT THAT TIME HAVING A MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF THE PARTY SUPREME COUNCIL.

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