

No one party can rule alone: Dr M

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KUALA TERENGGANU, Fri. — No single-party Government can administer a State without facing problems even though it had been elected with a sufficient majority. Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad said today.

The party will face problems as it cannot be expected to represent all the races in the State, he added.

The voices of the other races not-represented in the party may not be heard at either State or Federal level.

"That is why the Barisan Nasional is an ideal form of Government for this country. Almost all

the races are represented in the coalition."

The Prime Minister was addressing Barisan Nasional workers here.

He said a component party might represent just one race, while another might represent a few races yet others might even claim to be multi-racial. But when all of them came under the Barisan Nasional, all the races were represented and their interests looked after.

The Prime Minister said the system has been successful since the Alliance, and he saw no reason why it could not be

successful in the future.

"The harmonious relations between the races in the country is testimony to the success of the system," he said.

Later, Dr Mahathir told reporters that the Barisan Nasional Supreme Council will meet soon after the Umno Supreme Council meeting this Sunday to decide how it will contest in the Sabah elections.

At the meeting he will brief members on the developments relating to the formula he offered to Parti Bersatu Sabah (PBS), Usno and Berjaya

to ease tension in the State.

"Only after that can we make a decision," he said.

At Sunday's Umno Supreme Council meeting, Dr Mahathir will among other things brief members on the developments in Sabah.

On Wednesday, the Umno political bureau met and it is understood Sabah was also discussed.

Yesterday, the Elections Commission fixed May 5 and 6 as polling days in Sabah.

Berjaya is the only Barisan component party in the State, while Usno has applied to re-join and the PBS application to become a member is still being considered.

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