

PM: I don't know if BN team will help Berjaya

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. — Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad said today he would not know whether the Barisan Nasional would be sending a team to help its component party, Berjaya, in the Sabah state election.

The Prime Minister who is also Barisan chairman said he had not been told anything about it.

Answering questions from reporters whether the Barisan would send a team to campaign for Berjaya after opening the National Seminar on Commodities here today, he said:

"Not that I know of.

"I have not been told anything about it.

"Maybe Encik Ghafar Baba (Barisan secretary-general) may know," he said.

The Barisan is represented by Berjaya which is contesting in 38 of the 48 State

seats.

The Prime Minister had said on Wednesday after hosting a tea party for schoolchildren selected for a Barisan youth adoption scheme at his residence that the Barisan would campaign for Berjaya "if it could be done" but added that the coalition had yet to appoint a team for the purpose.

On the statement made by Umno Supreme Council member Rahim Bakar, who is Deputy Energy, Telecommunications and Posts Minister, that Dr Mahathir was expected to announce the dissolution of Parliament by tomorrow, the Prime Minister said: "He is free to make his comments.

"They can speculate and you cannot stop speculations.

"I have nothing to add," he said.